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Pushing Pakistan to take on Taliban

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Villagers flee their homes as Pakistani security forces launch the crackdown operation against Taliban and militants in the Buner district of Pakistan on Thursday. Despite the crackdown, U.S. Defense and State department officials say Pakistan is still focused too much on a potential threat from India in the east.

Flu fears close U.S. schools

Health official in Mexico says outbreak there is stabilizing

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 300 schools scattered around the country closed as the nation's swine flu caseload passed 100 Thursday, and U.S. authorities pledged to eventually produce enough vaccine for everyone — but said shots couldn't begin until fall at the earliest.

The outbreak penetrated over a dozen states and even touched the White House, which disclosed that an aide to Energy Secretary Steven Chu apparently got sick helping arrange President Barack Obama's recent trip to Mexico but that the aide did

not fly on Air Force One and never posed a risk to the president.

Meanwhile, Mexico's top health official said Thursday the number of new swine flu cases is stabilizing in the nation at the epicenter of the outbreak.

Health secretary Jose Angel Cordova told a news conference he hoped the trend will continue.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon ordered citizens to stay home, businesses to close and government services to be suspended for five days beginning Friday.

Calderon said only essential businesses such as supermarkets, hospitals and pharmacies should stay open, and only critical

government workers such as police and soldiers would be on Friday through Tuesday.

School had already been canceled nationwide through Tuesday. The steps are aimed at stopping further spread of the virus even though the WHO has suggested nations should focus on minimizing its effects, not containing its spread.

An estimated 12,000 people logged onto a Webcast where the U.S. government's top emergency officials sought to cut confusion by answering questions straight from the public: Can a factory worker handling parts from Mexico catch the virus? No. Can pets get it? No.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I was both excited and surprised, but mostly surprised, and well, excited."

—Edson Decker, a Zukeran Elementary School second-grader, whose letter to comedian Stephen Colbert about life with a Marine father was read on the air.

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Asia remains free of swine flu

No cases are suspected at U.S. bases in the Pacific

By ALEX KENNEDY
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The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Singapore announced Thursday that anyone arriving from Mexico would be put under automatic quarantine, as New Zealand wound back its number of suspected infections.

Singapore Health Minister Khaw Boon Wan said travelers from Mexico, from which the disease has quickly spread, will be forced into weeklong quarantine in their homes or hotels regardless of whether they have symptoms.

He added that there would be penalties for those who refuse. No one has arrived from Mexico yet, he said.

Health officials at U.S. military bases in the Pacific told Stars and Stripes that there were reported no cases of possible swine flu as of Thursday.

Asia, so far, has escaped infection, though South Korea says



Kyodo News/AP

Passengers wearing surgical masks as a precautionary measure line up at departure counter at Narita International Airport, east of Tokyo, on Thursday. Asia so far has escaped swine flu infection.

it has one probable case, with final test results still to come. Japan, meanwhile, quarantined a woman late Thursday after she showed symptoms of the swine flu after arriving in Tokyo from Los Angeles.

The woman and passengers

who sat around her on the Northwest Airlines flight are being tested, according to national broadcaster NHK.

Officials in South Korea, Hong Kong and Australia are also testing scores of people with flu symptoms.

Other governments in the Asia-Pacific region scanned travelers arriving from North America using measures rushed into place this week. New Zealand is the only country in the region to have confirmed cases of the disease.

"We must not be complacent. We must raise our alert, vigilance against any impending threats of the pandemic," Hong Kong's health chief York Chow told reporters.

The World Health Organization raised its alert level to the second-highest on its threat scale, indicating a pandemic could be imminent.

New Zealand Health Minister Tony Ryall said one traveler who a day earlier was assessed as having swine flu had been removed from the list after further checks showed they had not been exposed to a high-risk area or to people likely infected.

Testing for swine flu was under way for an additional 104 people who have symptoms.

Peter Cordingley, spokesman for WHO's Western Pacific region that includes Asia, said the region's large stockpile of Tamiflu would not be enough in a "worst-case" scenario.

"There are vast quantities of Tamiflu in this region, but we don't think they are going to be enough if this is a worst-case scenario," he said.

Flu: Transportation secretary says travel by airlines is safe

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And is washing hands or using those alcohol-based hand gels best? Washing well enough is the real issue, answered Dr. Richard Besser, acting chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He keeps hand gel in his pocket for between-washings.

It is safe to fly, U.S. officials found themselves stressing after Vice President Joe Biden got off message Thursday. Biden said he'd discourage family members from flying or even taking the subway. The White House insist-

ed the vice president meant to say he was discouraging just nonessential travel to Mexico.

"It is safe to fly. There is no reason to cancel flights," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said.

Not just planes but "all modes of transportation are safe in America," he added.

But anyone with flu-like symptoms shouldn't be traveling anywhere unless they need to seek medical care — the same advice that doctors give on regular flu.

Stennis executive officer relieved of duty

The executive officer of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis was relieved of duty, Navy officials said Thursday.

Cmdr. David Burnham was replaced Wednesday following non-judicial punishment stemming from a personal misconduct investigation, 7th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Jeff Davis said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

Additional details of the investigation were not released due to privacy concerns, Davis said.

Burnham, who reported to the Stennis on Sept. 28, 2007, was reassigned to Commander, Naval Air Forces in San Diego, Davis said.

The ship's operations officer, Cmdr. Don Glass, will temporarily serve as executive officer.

According to Davis, the punishment is unrelated to an accident that killed a Stennis sailor April 24 during a port call in Singapore. The sailor was crushed between a small boat and the aircraft carrier while securing the drains from the ship's catapult system.

Stennis is on a regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

From staff reports

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Author Kathie Hightower shows military spouses a breathing exercise during a workshop Thursday at U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan. Such exercises are a good way for spouses to relieve stress, she said.

Workshop helps military spouses face challenges

BY JON RABIROFF
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Amber Jordan put her hand on the protruding belly of fellow military spouse Cresilda Paulino and smiled from ear to ear as she felt the baby kicking inside.

"I've been helping her with her pregnancy because she's almost ready to pop," explained Jordan, the mother of an 8-month-old daughter. "I'm helping her with her new baby because I didn't have anyone to help me on post when I was pregnant."

That scene of maternal bonding played out during a workshop Thursday, when about 130 military spouses from around South Korea learned how to thrive — not just survive — as they face their challenges.

One of the recurring themes of the day was seeking out and relying on the counsel of friends.

"It is so important to have friends because you get stressed ... and if you don't have friends to talk to, you're going to go crazy," said Paulino, who with husband Manuel is expecting their first child in about two weeks.

The workshop at U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan's Dragon Hill Lodge was led by Kathie Hightower and Holly Scherer, authors of "Help! I'm a Military Spouse — I Get a Life Too! How to Craft a Life for YOU as You Move With The Military."

The four-hour event was part "Oprah," part pep talk and part aerobics class, as Hightower and Scherer shared practical and philosophical advice on how the

"It is so important to have friends because you get stressed ... and if you don't have friends to talk to, you're going to go crazy."

Cresilda Paulino
Military spouse

wives in the audience can best support their husbands while making their own lives more complete.

"We face some pretty demanding things," Hightower said.

"You don't need to do this by yourself," Scherer added.

Aside from seeking support from friends, the authors said keys to happiness for military spouses include recognizing things for which you are grateful, including time every day to experience the "simple joys," and setting and pursuing personal goals.

The authors said another key to a happy military marriage is to be positive, rather than a frequent complainer.

"Build on the strengths; don't magnify the weaknesses," Scherer said.

Audience members were told to write something on an index card and put it on their mirrors when they got home: "What would it be like to be married to me?"

The suggestion prompted

laughter from the audience.

Scherer and Hightower also had a number of suggestions on how wives can make the best of their husbands' deployments.

One idea is not to rely entirely on e-mail and phone calls to communicate, but to send cards and gifts.

"Having something that is physical — not just e-mail — is important," Hightower said.

Another suggestion is for both spouses to keep a journal while they are apart, and then share them with each other when they reunite "to get a sense of what you're both dealing with," she said.

Thursday's workshop was sponsored by the 2nd Infantry Division, whose commanding general, Maj. John W. Morgan III, greeted the spouses with a pep talk of his own.

He urged them to not only support their husbands but also to find a balance of "how to make a life for yourself and your family."

Military spouse Amanda Sawatka said the workshop was helpful for a variety of reasons.

"There's been some really good ideas that have been given that I had never thought of and that I am definitely going to try," she said. "I was in the military before, and it is a very different world being on the dependent side versus being a soldier. But I kind of knew what I was getting into, and if you expect the worst and hope for the best, generally you aren't disappointed."

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Student's letter to Colbert prompts donations to charity

BY NATASHA LEE
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — If Edson Decker were to have his own television show he would name it after his favorite food, crack a lot of jokes and probably feature a segment on kittens.

So far, "The Rice Cake Report" or "The Navel Orange Report" sound pretty good.

On his show, Edson, 8, would give a shout-out to the guy who sparked his media dream, TV host and satirist Stephen Colbert.

After all, Colbert did the same for him.

Colbert read a letter from the Zukeran Elementary School second-grader during a kids shout-out segment of "The Colbert Report."

"I was both excited and surprised, but mostly surprised, and well, excited," Edson said Thursday.

Colbert also used Edson's letter to prompt viewers to donate money to support military children through DonorsChoose.org, an online charity that helps schools in need.

Edson wrote about how he missed his Marine father a lot when he deployed to Iraq.

Donations benefit public schools attended by large numbers of military kids. As of Thursday, the site reported more than \$31,000 in donations.

Edson penned the letter for a class assignment that called on students to send a note to a mentor who matched their strengths, talents and potential career paths.

While grown-ups might think Colbert is mature viewing, Edson says he watches for the laughs and Colbert's way with words.

Traits Colbert and Edson have in common.

"We are both good with talking and we know a lot of words. He is very good with language," said Edson. "I'd probably say he's more funny than Jon Stewart; of course I'd never say that to him."

The show is also informative.

"America is sort of in a war in Iraq," he said. "That's how I get nearly a quarter, to even half of my information."

Edson said he had an inkling Colbert would pick his letter because of the questions he asked.

He wanted to know if Colbert was a really good student and did he make his classmates laugh. And, if Colbert likes pie.

"My mom likes pie and it's also a very unexpected question," said Edson, who is in a gifted student program.

Critical and creative thinking were part of the assignment, said Edson's teacher, Ann Guiffre.

Her students study the theory of intelligence as defined in a series of forms, from physical to verbal to logical, as a way to focus on their own strengths and goals.

Mentors must be researched, and approved by parents and teachers, Guiffre said.

"It gives them some visioning for their futures, so you can see your goals and you can see yourself successful in the future," she said.

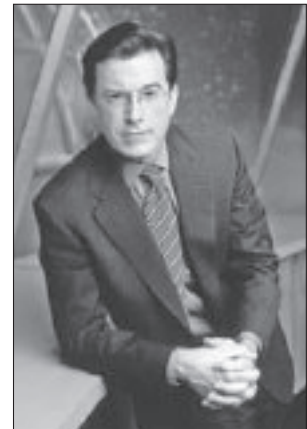
Students ask thought-provoking questions, and detail their interests and similarities to encourage responses, Guiffre said.

For the most part, mentors write back. Letters from singer Norah Jones, architect Frank Gehry, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and "Harry Potter" himself — actor Daniel Radcliffe — hang on the walls of her classroom.

Edson said if he does get his own television show, he probably won't be on air until he's at least 30, and he's not sure if his show will air on Comedy Central — the same channel that shows Colbert's show. But Colbert, and probably Jon Stewart would be among his first guests, he said.

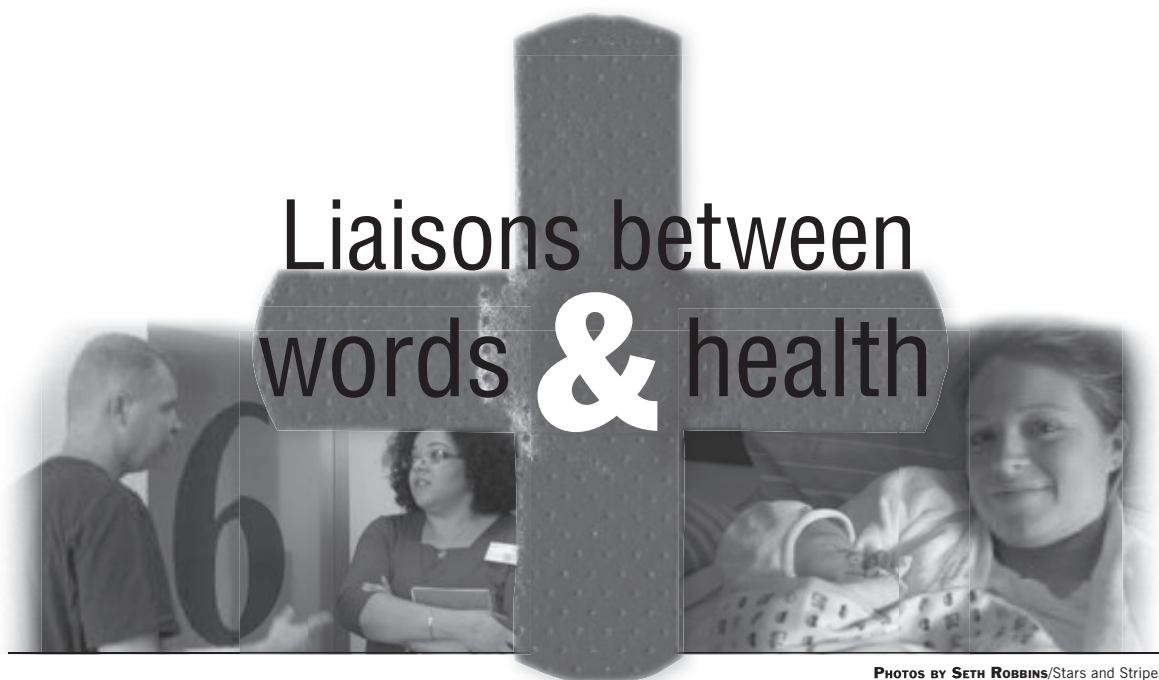
"In the future ... there may not be a Comedy Central, so I can't say," Edson said.

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Edson Decker, a second-grader at Zukeran Elementary School on Okinawa, strikes his best Stephen Colbert pose Thursday. Colbert read a letter from Edson on his show, "The Colbert Report," this week on Comedy Central.



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Left: Dagmar Ham, a patient liaison at the German hospital in Bitburg, talks to Staff Sgt. William Gootee of the 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany. Gootee credited Ham with helping him communicate with the doctors about his infection. **Right:** Airman 1st class Kassy Brazea, 21, based at Spangdahlem Air Base, cradles her newborn baby, Isaak. Isaak was one of the 155 American babies delivered at the Wittlich hospital by Dr. Peter Locher.

Specialists help English speakers handle visits to host-nation hospitals

By SETH ROBBINS
Stars and Stripes

Heather Satterthwaite had been in Germany just two days with her husband, Stuart, an airman stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base, when a horrific car crash hospitalized the newlyweds.

She awoke to the garbled murmur of nurses and doctors speaking to her in an unfamiliar language.

Patient liaison Jaeline Perry was summoned. In English, she asked Heather if she remembered her name. The world started to make a bit more sense.

With bases closing around Germany in the 1990s, the military contracted with local hospitals to provide care for patients who otherwise would have had to travel miles for care.

Now German hospitals are attending to routine care, too, including most of the American births. It's an arrangement that has proven successful, thanks in large part to patient liaisons.

Liaisons fill out paperwork, speak to doctors when needed and explain the many differences between German and American hospitals.

The liaisons work for the U.S. medical units at each base, under a contract that designates the services they must provide, such as having one on-call 24 hours a day.

Heather recalled being terrified in this strange room, asking for her husband.

The word "husband," however, confused the staff — a German woman refers to her partner as "my man."

"I had no idea what was going on," she said. "I was sick. I was frantic. It was like a dream where everyone is speaking to you, but you are not able to understand them."

Perry, a patient liaison at the St. Elisabeth Krankenhaus in Wittlich, Germany, was summoned to help; she had been attending to Stuart Satterthwaite in the intensive care unit.

Perry ensured Heather that she still retained her memory and explained that she and her husband had been in a car crash. He was now in medically induced coma.

"She was lost, waiting for someone who spoke her language," Perry said. "At that moment, you're the first one they can reach out to and tell their story."

Since the U.S. hospital in Bitburg, Germany, closed two years ago, Spangdahlem's airmen and their families have been treated at the local German hospitals in Wittlich, Bitburg and Trier. They are part of a

S. Korea adding helpers for American patients

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

Patients using off-base hospitals in South Korea will soon receive help from newly hired Tricare liaisons and nurse case managers, officials say.

The bilingual liaisons will ride with patients to South Korean hospitals and guide them through administrative details, while the case managers will check on patients to ensure they are being treated in accordance with U.S. expectations of medical care.

"They'll serve as the conduit between the Korean hospital and the patient, and essentially be there to help navigate the health care system," said Haleh Rollerson, Tricare health care chief for the 65th Medical Brigade.

The brigade is hiring five liaisons and five case managers and hopes to have them working with patients within the next several days, Rollerson said. One of each will work out of camps Casey, Humphreys

and Walker; two of each will work from Yongsan Garrison.

Both brigade commander Col. Jeffrey Clark and Col. Ronald Smith, commander of the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital, served previously in Germany and agreed to modeling the new program after Tricare Germany's liaison programs, Rollerson said.

A similar program is in place in Japan. U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka employs a case manager and Japanese doctor interns to help patients who use Japanese hospitals, Yokosuka officials said.

Most liaisons have worked in the medical profession as nurses, physical therapists or physicians' assistants. More importantly, the liaisons speak both languages well and can intervene when the doctors have trouble communicating.

South Korea currently has beneficiary counselors and translators to help patients make appointments at one of the 19 partner hospitals that base patients visit when necessary. A list of hospitals is avail-

able on the revamped 65th Medical Brigade Web site at www.korea.amedd.army.mil.

The added staff will help clear up the differences found in South Korean health care. For example, South Korean doctors tend to prescribe fewer narcotics for pain management, Rollerson said.

The nurse's role also can vary. "A lot of the duties that we would expect nurses to do on the site can be a family's responsibility here, such as bathing, changing bed linens and getting the patient up and walking them around," Rollerson said.

However, many servicemembers in South Korea are unaccompanied or otherwise don't have family members that can attend to them. In such cases, the hospitals have been very receptive to foreign patient needs, Rollerson said.

The added liaisons and case managers also will help with any added caseload the medical brigade experiences as U.S. Forces Korea adds more command-sponsored tours for servicemembers with families.

"Basically, this will assist us with not just the current operations but with the projected growth that we're going to see with tour normalization in Korea," said Lt. Col. Paul Roberts, deputy commander for Brian Allgood Community Hospital at Yongsan Garrison.

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Simone Harcarik, left, a patient liaison and team leader at Wittlich hospital in Germany, goes over charts with nursing staff.

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trend started in the early 1990s, when bases closed hospitals and clinics as the number of overseas servicemembers dwindled from 450,000 at the height of the Cold War to just more than 81,000 in Europe and about 67,000 in the Pacific.

At the peak, troops were treated at eight Army hospitals and 56 clinics across Europe. By 1995, there were three hospitals and 28 clinics left. Today, there

is one Army hospital at Landstuhl.

With fewer troops, hospitals became too expensive to maintain. At the remaining hospitals and clinics, specialty doctors were replaced by general practitioners, and soon servicemembers and their families were being referred to the local hospitals when they needed surgery or other specialty care.

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On military, Obama 'impressed and grateful'

By KEVIN BARON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama held his third prime-time news conference in as many months Wednesday, this time marking his 100th day in office.

The president said that when he began his campaign more than two years ago, he never anticipated such a long list of major crises to hit the country at the same time. Among his top concerns remain the management of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the economic crisis, saving America's automakers and banks from collapse, and now handling a swine flu outbreak.

"I think we're off to a good start, but it's just a start," he said. "I'm proud of what we've achieved, but I'm not content. I'm pleased with our progress, but I'm not satisfied."

While his administration is working to address them all — at one point Obama reminded Americans to keep their hands washed and cover their mouths when they cough — the president asked the public to have patience with his plans.

Obama addressed a number of military concerns including Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and the torture of suspected terrorists or insurgents while held in U.S. custody.

But when asked to list what has "enchanted" him as president, the commander in chief said: the men and women serving in the U.S. military.

"I will tell you that when I ... meet our service-

men and women ... enchanted is probably not the word I would use," he said, drawing laughs.

"But I am so profoundly impressed and grateful to them for what they do. They're really good at their job. They are willing to make extraordinary sacrifices on our behalf. They do so without complaint. They are fiercely loyal to this country."

"And, you know, the more I interact with our servicemen and women, from the top brass down to the lowliest private, I'm just — I'm grateful to them."

Diving into a host of global security concerns, the president said he did not feel the recent surge in bombings in Iraq would alter his plan to drawdown U.S. combat troops.

"The political system is holding and functioning in Iraq," he said. "Part of the reason why I called for a gradual withdrawal as opposed to a precipitous one was precisely because more work needs to be done on the political side to further isolate whatever remnants of al-Qaida in Iraq still exists."

Additionally, Obama left open the possibility of greater direct U.S. military involvement in helping Pakistan fight the Taliban, which has attempted to extend its control beyond a key region close to the country's capital, Islamabad.

"We want to respect their sovereignty, but we also recognize that we have huge strategic interests, huge national security interests, in making sure that Pakistan is stable and that you don't end up having a nuclear-armed militant state."

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President Barack Obama speaks Wednesday during a news conference at the White House.

Defense officials pushing for one last war supplemental bill

By LEO SHANE III
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WASHINGTON — Defense officials lobbied for yet another war supplemental bill Thursday, arguing that the \$83 billion-plus measure is critical to keep deployed troops equipped and foreign operations successful.

But unlike at contentious hearings on supplementals over the last seven years, lawmakers in the Senate were cordial and cheerful talking about the expense this time. That's because the White House has promised that this one is the last.

President Barack Obama has promised after this fiscal year not to use the emergency budgeting measure to fund ongoing operations overseas, arguing that it conceals the true costs of war by keeping them outside the federal

budget. Under his plan, war funds will still be separated from the base defense budget, but will undergo the same lengthy Congressional review as the rest of the federal budget.

House and Senate leaders also routinely criticized President Bush for the practice, saying it discouraged the services from proper budget planning for their future needs, and for hiding extra nonwarfighting projects in with the emergency funds.

Still, although they've delayed supplemental requests — some by several months — Congress has always reluctantly passed the measures in the end. Obama's fiscal 2009 supplemental request would push the total cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and related support operations costs to nearly \$800 billion.

The \$83.4 billion request is for

both DOD and the State Department; \$76 billion would go to DOD. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he needs the request to be approved before Memorial Day.

Of the total, \$38 billion would go directly to operations costs, predeployment training and transport of troops to and from the theaters. Another \$11.6 billion would replace and repair equipment damaged, destroyed or worn down by use in Iraq and Afghanistan. New lightweight body armor and lighter Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles cost another \$9.8 billion.

The Afghan National Security Forces would receive \$3.6 billion for equipment and training, but for the first time in years the supplemental does not include money for the Iraqi Security Forces. Gates said the government of Iraq

has taken over the "financial burden" of supporting its troops and police.

About \$7 billion would go toward State Department activities, including efforts to put 500 new agriculture and infrastructure experts into Iraq next year, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told lawmakers.

That's an increase from past supplementals, and Clinton said it underscores the increasing cooperation between the State and Defense departments, particularly in Afghanistan.

"Bringing stability to that region is not only a military mission, and it requires more than a military response," she said. "Counterinsurgency training is critical. But of equal importance are diplomacy and development to provide economic stability and diminish the conditions that feed

extremism."

Gates said the new request also includes about \$2.2 billion to fund extra pay and costs associated with increasing the end strength of the Army and Marine Corps, and \$1.6 billion for combat injured troops' health care and family support programs.

Starting next year, he said, those types of costs will be moved from war funding budgets to the base defense budget plan.

No time line has been set for passage of this supplemental measure, but Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, said he expects lawmakers to support the request.

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Liaisons: Doctors and patients say advice could get lost in translation

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It's not that the doctors don't speak English themselves. It's that "things don't always translate well," said Simone Harcarik, who heads the Spangdahlem patient liaison program.

Harcarik recalled a nervous expectant mother being told by her German doctor "to go home and keep quiet."

"He was trying to tell the girl that everything is all right and to go home and relax," Harcarik said. "But he was translating from German to English, and German is a very direct language."

Dr. Peter Locher, an obstetrician and gynecologist in Wittlich, said liaison language skills are especially helpful when complications arise.

"We've had two cases of stillbirth," Locher said. "You don't expect it, but you still have to deliver. They gave support to the

patients. They explained that we did all we could."

Since the program started, Locher has delivered 155 American babies and has become accustomed to the lists of questions new American moms tend to have. German patients are less likely to question their doctors, he said.

"The patient is more independent," Locher said of the American health system. "They make the appointments. In Germany, it's usually we who make the appointment."

At the Bitburg hospital, 13 babies were born in the month of January, and the liaisons guided the new moms through every step.

"Some women you get to know from day one until they leave with that baby," said Dagmar Ham, a liaison at the hospital in Bitburg. "You see them struggle. They

show all their hormonal emotions and then they have their baby. It's beautiful."

Because of deployments, the liaisons are sometimes even in the delivery room, holding a mother's hand as she gives birth.

But happy moments can be short-lived. "Sometimes you go from someone with a baby to a patient who is seriously ill," said Alwine Ramirez, a liaison in Trier.

Many of the liaisons carry mementos given to them by favorite patients. Harcarik keeps a poem written about her; Ramirez has a small crystal given to her by a young airman who needed psychiatric help.

"He found that crystal when he was a child," Ramirez said. "It means very much to me."

Heather Satterthwaite, 20, recalled how kind the liaisons were to her while her husband was still in a coma. Fractured ver-

tebrae had left her unable to walk, so the liaisons wheeled her to the intensive care unit to see him.

"They made the doctors talk to me so I knew what was going on," Heather said. "They updated me on him every day. They brought me magazines and candy."

After her husband awoke from the coma, the liaisons placed a jar by his bed for dropping in thoughts or concerns he'd jotted down.

"They called it a worry jar," Heather said.

After nearly a year of physical therapy, Heather's husband has returned to work at the security forces warehouses, and she is now pregnant with their first child.

"Now, [the liaisons] are going to be at the ultrasound," she said. "These are going to be much better memories."

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Despite Taliban, Pakistan is still focused on India

BY LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — When a Pakistani military delegation sat down with Washington policy researchers this week, their focus was clear: The country needs more help to secure the country's eastern border from a potential Indian threat.

Rand Corporation political scientist Christine Fair, said she expected to hear some long-term military extension of Pakistani leaders' decision this week to send thousands of soldiers into the country's Buner district, just 60 miles from the capital, Islamabad, after a new Taliban offensive took control of villages there. They offered

"I don't know what's going to be a wake-up call for them."

"I laughed and told them they needed to get new talking points," said Fair. "They want more money for F-16s and aren't looking at all for [counterinsurgency] funds. They're continuing to defer their own national security due to an exaggerated threat from the east. I don't know what's going to be a wake-up call for them."

Despite U.S. officials' continued pleas for Pakistani officials to focus more on their internal threat from the Taliban, analysts say that Pakistani military planners still see India as the primary threat.

Defense and State Department officials conceded as much to lawmakers on the House Armed Services Committee on Thursday. Michele Flournoy, undersecretary of defense for policy, said the India-Pakistan rift remains a major stumbling block in efforts to stabilize the region, because Pakistani officials are still committing most of the military resources toward monitoring their eastern neighbor.

Meanwhile, "the insurgency along Pakistan's western border has been steadily expanding," she said. "In the Swat Valley, extremists already exercise effective control."

State Department officials called it a clear sign to the central government of the threat the extremists pose. Vice Adm. James Winnefeld, director of strategic plans for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told lawmakers he believes that additional training and funding will help encourage the Pakistanis to further pursue the Taliban. "We believe increased capabilities will bring an increased will to fight," he said. "This (Pakistani response in Buner) is a real test right now."

But outside experts doubted that, saying public opinion in Pakistan still regards the Taliban as an American problem, not a local one.

"I don't see this as anything more than another sporadic raid," said Malou Innocent, foreign policy analyst with the Cato Institute. "They still have 80 percent of their troops stationed on the border with India, not Afghanistan. Until they shift to the western border, I'm not seeing any real change."

In February, the Pakistani government agreed to let the Taliban impose Islamic law in the Swat Valley in northwest Pakistan as part of a cease-fire deal, much to the chagrin of U.S. officials.

Karin Von Hippel, senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the Pakistani government is too weak to mount any sustained campaign against the Taliban, especially with the number of sympathizers in their own armed forces.

Also, she said, the more U.S. officials tell their Pakistani counterparts to focus on the Taliban, the less likely they are to do it.

"We need to start having a bigger conversation with the Pakistani people about the dangers posed by the Taliban," she said. "They don't think it's their fight. They think it's America's."

But working with humanitarian organizations, providing better counterinsurgency training for Pakistani troops, and subtly improving America's image there could have a much more dramatic and positive effect, Hippel said.

Both the State and Defense Departments are pushing for that, and asked Congress to approve legislation that would give Gen. David Petraeus, head of U.S. Central Command, more freedom with funding for Pakistan, allowing quicker purchase of equipment and humanitarian goods.

Lawmakers so far have been open to the idea, but questioned whether State Department officials should administer the program instead of the Pentagon.

Fair thinks the White House has been too diplomatic and too friendly with Pakistan.

"I think we may need to play chicken with them," she said. "If they tell us 'We want this or we'll walk out of the fight,' that's an empty threat. They're Pakistan's enemy, too. And the Taliban can hit them much easier than they can hit the United States."

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AAFES removing aspirin from shelves in war zones

BY MARK ABRAMSON
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Stars and Stripes

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is pulling all products containing aspirin from the shelves at its contingency locations.

Department of Defense officials ordered that aspirin in combat zones be controlled and now prohibit over-the-counter access through AAFES and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities, an AAFES press release stated.

In an order written in March by then-Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Ward Casscells, service officials were told to make sure all U.S. troops and civilians headed into combat zones stop taking aspirin at least 10 days before they deploy, unless directed by a health care provider.

The goal of the policy is to minimize blood loss in combat injuries, he wrote, and cut down on the number of "preventable deaths" associated with those wounds.

The concern over aspirin stems from how it affects blood's ability to clot.

"Basically, what it does is it inhibits platelet activation and aggregation," said Air Force Col. David Schall, the command surgeon at the U.S. European Command's headquarters. "This effect lasts for five to seven days after you take aspirin."

"If your platelets aren't working, you are going to continue to ooze and ooze."

Aspirin blocks an enzyme in platelets, he added.

Someone who took aspirin and is injured will have a higher rate of blood loss, and the larger the surface area of the injury that is bleeding, the bigger the problem, Schall said.

An acceptable alternative to aspirin is Tylenol, which is recommended instead of aspirin at those contingency locations, Schall said.

"Advil can have an effect on the platelets as well, but aspirin seems to be more potent," Schall said.

Schall said he has not seen any similar orders that stopped aspirin from being sold over the counter at exchanges or commissaries before, but people with the flu have been prohibited from taking aspirin because such usage can cause a potentially fatal syndrome called Reyes syndrome, which affects the liver and brain.

AAFES officials said they started pulling the products April 14. They have been told to keep alternatives including Advil, Datril, Motrin, Tylenol and Aleve on hand at their locations in and near combat zones.

The order resulted in AAFES removing more than 248,000 bottles from 95 facilities that serve troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom combined, Army Lt. Col. David Konop, an AAFES spokesman, wrote in an e-mail.

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British begin Iraq pullout

BAGHDAD — British forces handed over military control of the Basra area to U.S. commanders Thursday to clear the way for America's main battlefield ally to exit Iraq after more than six years of war.

The U.S. flag rose over a British base outside Basra, the last main outpost for about 4,000 British forces in southern Iraq who will almost all withdraw by the end of May.

At the height of combat operations after the March 2003 invasion, Britain had 46,000 troops in Iraq. Washington still has about 130,000 troops in the country and has shifted units south ahead of the British pullout.

American troops operate alongside Iraqi soldiers who have taken over many front-line roles in the strategic Basra area, the hub of British military operations for years.

From The Associated Press

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IN THE STATES



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Assembly operator Yolanda Germany looks over door molding on Sept. 12 on Chrysler's new 2009 Dodge Ram pickup at the Warren Truck Plant in Warren, Mich. Chrysler LLC will file for bankruptcy after talks with a small group of creditors crumbled just a day before a government deadline for the automaker to come up with a restructuring plan.

Chrysler to file Chapter 11

BY STEPHEN MANNING
AND TOM KRISHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chrysler will file for bankruptcy after talks with a small group of creditors crumbled just a day before a government deadline for the automaker to come up with a restructuring plan, President Barack Obama said Thursday.

The Obama administration said it had long hoped to stave off bankruptcy for the nation's third largest automaker, but it became clear that a holdout group wouldn't budge on proposals to reduce Chrysler's \$6.9 billion in secured debt. Clearing those debts was a needed step for Chrysler to restructure by the Thursday deadline.

Chrysler will file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York, giving Chrysler time to galvanize a partnership with the Italian car maker Fiat Group SpA.

The government, which has already poured \$4 billion in loans into Chrysler, would provide up to \$8 billion more to carry the company through bankruptcy, said senior administration officials speaking on condition of anonymity. The government will also help appoint a new board of directors.

The deals give Chrysler "a new lease on life," Obama said.

Under bankruptcy, Chrysler would still sell cars and the government would back its auto warranties.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because the terms of the bankruptcy had not yet been released, said there would be no job losses or plant closings due to the Chapter 11. But it will be up to Fiat and Chrysler to decide whether to restructure the steadily shrinking company.

Obama said Chrysler Financial, the arm of the company that makes loans to buyers and to

Obama blasts deal holdouts

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama announced Thursday that Chrysler would head into bankruptcy with the aid of up to another \$8 billion in taxpayer money, a last-resort attempt to quickly restructure the struggling giant. He blasted hedge-fund creditors whom he said held out for a richer deal.

"No one should be confused about what a bankruptcy process means," Obama said.

"This is not a sign of weakness but rather one more step on a clearly chartered path to Chrysler's revival."

"I have every confidence that Chrysler will emerge from this process stronger and more competitive," Obama said.

Bankruptcy doesn't mean the nation's No. 3 automaker will shut down. A Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing would allow a judge to decide how much the company's creditors would get while the company continues to operate.

Obama praised all the constituencies that have offered sacrifices and blasted those that did not.

From the Associated Press

dealers to finance their inventories, will be merged into GMAC Financial Services, once General Motors Corp.'s finance arm. The new GMAC will get government support.

The Treasury Department's auto task force has been racing in the past week to clear the major hurdles that prevented Chrysler from coming up with a viable plan to survive the economic crisis ravaging nation's automakers.

Along with the Fiat deal, the United Auto Workers ratified a

cost-cutting pact Wednesday.

Treasury reached a deal earlier this week with four banks that hold the majority of Chrysler's debt in return for \$2 billion in cash.

The bankruptcy will be filed under a section of the law that allows a company to shed bad assets and some liabilities. The administration expects it to last only up to 60 days.

Obama's auto task force in March rejected Chrysler's restructuring plan and gave it 30 days to make another effort.

Study: Rail systems need \$50B in work

BY JOAN LOWY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than one-third of the trains, equipment and facilities of the nation's seven largest rail transit agencies are near the end of their useful life or past that point, the government said Thursday. Many have components that are defective or may be critically damaged.

A report by the Federal Transit Administration estimates it will cost \$50 billion to bring the rail systems in Chicago, Boston, New York, New Jersey, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., into good repair and \$5.9 billion a year to maintain them.

Those seven systems carry 80 percent of the nation's rail transit passengers, or more than 3 billion passenger trips a year. They also include some of the oldest subways and commuter railroads.

Some of their facilities date back more than a century.

"In a period of rising congestion and fuel prices, these services and the infrastructure and rolling stock that support them, are critical to the transportation needs and quality of life of the communities they serve," the report said.

"At the same time, this infrastructure is aging and the level of reinvestment appears insufficient to address a growing backlog of deferred investment needs," the report said.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., one of 11 senators who requested the report, said older transit systems have received a declining share of federal rail transit aid as newer systems have come online. In 1993, the seven largest rail transit systems received 90 percent of federal modernization funds, compared with 70 percent today.

Captain seeks protection for commercial vessels

BY LAURIE KELLMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Commercial ships working pirate-infested waters should be protected by an armed corps of senior officers backed by government forces, with all operating under a clear chain of command, Maersk Alabama Capt. Richard Phillips told Congress Thursday.

"I am not comfortable giving up command authority to others, including the commander of a protection force," Phillips said in remarks prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and obtained by The Associated Press.

"In the heat of an attack, there can be only one final decision-maker."

Phillips, who was held by pirates for five days this month and rescued by Navy SEALs, was the star witness during a series of hearings as Congress considers ways to combat a spike in piracy against ships carrying billions of dollars in cargo.

Modern-day piracy, the experts were to testify, is the product of lawlessness in places like Somalia and is motivated by money more than ideology. It's a dangerous business nonetheless, with pirates



Phillips

carrying small arms and rocket launchers.

Phillips' firsthand experience aside, there's little consensus among policymakers and maritime

experts on the wisdom of arming merchant seamen.

The chairman of Phillips' own company told the Senate panel that doing so could make the seas even more dangerous.

"Arming merchant sailors may result in the acquisition of ever more lethal weapons and tactics by the pirates, a race that merchant sailors cannot win," Maersk Inc. Chairman John P. Clancey said in his prepared remarks.

Belgium said Thursday that its military will provide onboard protection to commercial ships off the Horn of Africa beginning this weekend.

Teams of eight soldiers will be available to Belgian ships upon request if an EU anti-piracy flotilla in the region can't guarantee protection.

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A dugout at the Healdton High School baseball field was damaged by winds Wednesday in Healdton, Okla.

5 killed in Midwest storms

The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — The death toll from days of heavy rain in Kansas rose to five Wednesday when authorities found the bodies of two people in a car submerged in a flooded creek.

A 26-year-old Parsons man and a 22-year-old Springfield, Mo., woman were found by Labette County sheriff's deputies in Pumpkin Creek in southeast Kansas, the state Division of Emergency Management said.

The couple had been reported missing Tuesday evening. Authorities believe they were traveling west on a road and were swept into the creek at a low-water crossing.

The five storm-related deaths have occurred in northeast, southeast and south-central Kansas since Saturday. More rain

was expected Thursday and flood warnings were posted for communities along several eastern Kansas rivers.

In the south-central Texas city of Gainesville, residents in a retirement village and those in low-lying areas near a creek were asked to leave because of flooding. Some 82 people were staying at a shelter set up in a church, Gainesville Municipal Judge Chris Cypert said.

In Oklahoma, a woman died Wednesday when her car slid during heavy rain and hit an oncoming truck, the state Highway Patrol said. Winds gusting to 70 mph also damaged power and telephone lines and toppled a cell phone tower in Healdton, Carter County Emergency Management Director Ed Reed said.

The winds blew out windows at a Healdton elementary

school, and some students suffered minor cuts from flying glass. None of the students was hurt badly enough to need to be taken to a medical facility, Carter County sheriff's dispatcher Linda Shepard said.

Storms that have battered parts of the state since Saturday prompted Gov. Brad Henry to issue a state of emergency Wednesday for nine counties hit by tornadoes and flooding.

In severe weather elsewhere, a storm dumped as much as 4 feet of snow on northwest Montana and piled it in drifts 12 feet high, blocking major highways Wednesday and isolating the town of Browning just east of Glacier National Park. Many schools were closed in the area along the Rocky Mountain Front.

Witness details plan for terror camp in Oregon

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a landscape that evoked Afghanistan, a rural town in Oregon seemed in James Ujaama's mind to be the perfect setting for a militant jihad training camp to teach Muslim fighters survival and combat skills.

The terrorist camp Ujaama envisioned to produce fighters against the Taliban's enemies in Afghanistan never came to fruition, and he no longer supports terrorist causes, he told a jury during a terrorism trial Wednesday in Manhattan federal court.

"I sympathized and I have supported terrorists in the past, which was foolish. I was not thinking at that time and I wish I had not done that," said Ujaama, a Muslim convert who lived in Seattle and was convicted of helping the Taliban.

Ujaama was called by prosecutors as a witness in the trial of Oussama Kassir, who has been charged with helping al-Qaida by trying to set up a training post in the small Oregon town of Bly.

Ujaama, 43, was born in Denver as James Ernest Thompson before changing his name in the late 1980s when he gave up Christianity to become Muslim. He pleaded guilty in 2007 to charges that he provided material support

to terrorists by trying to set up the Bly training camp and by loading programs onto Taliban computers during a trip to Afghanistan in 1999. He said he hopes to win leniency from a potential 30-year prison sentence by testifying.

Ujaama testified he tried to create the training camp on 360 acres of land in Oregon in 1999.

Ujaama testified: "It would, in my mind, prepare Muslims, males, to go to the front line and defend the Islamic state."

But the camp never really got off the ground. Ujaama visited the property only three times, the last time with Kassir, who traveled from London expecting to find lots of weapons and young men eager to be trained, he said. Kassir became angry when he saw nothing had materialized, Ujaama said. They fought and Ujaama left and never returned, he said.

Ujaama testified he was in Pakistan on Sept. 11, 2001, but said the attacks left him "a bit happy." He said he hoped it would be a wake-up call for the United States, where he returned in 2002, shortly before he was picked up by the FBI on a material witness warrant in Denver. He pleaded guilty the following year in federal court in Seattle to providing material support to terrorists in a plea deal that carried a two-year prison sentence.

U.S. admits citizen wrongly sent on deportation odyssey

The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C. — Mark Lyttle expected to return home after serving a few months in prison for inappropriately touching a woman's backside.

Instead, he says, the U.S. government deported him to Mexico, Mexican officials deported him to Honduras, and Honduras deported him to Guatemala — even though he is a North Carolina-born U.S. citizen who

speaks no Spanish.

U.S. immigration officials confirmed this week that they wrongly deported Lyttle, 31, who his family says is mentally ill and suffers from mild retardation, in December after finding him in a North Carolina prison. He and his lawyer say he spent four months bouncing among Latin American prisons and homeless shelters before ending up earlier this month at a U.S. Embassy in Guatemala, where officials confirmed

his citizenship.

Lyttle returned to his family last Friday, but only after immigration officials at the Atlanta airport tried to deport him again. He said that, throughout the process, federal agents repeatedly ignored his assurances that he was a U.S. citizen.

"I said, 'All I know is the United States.' I said, 'I was born here in Rowan County,'" said Lyttle, who is now staying with his brother in Kentucky. "They just totally ig-

nored it."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said that before they deported Lyttle he gave them two sworn statements in which he said he was a Mexican. But ICE officials also said Lyttle made other, conflicting sworn statements in which he used his true name and claimed U.S. citizenship.

Agency spokeswoman Barbara Gonzalez declined to release copies of the statements.

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CYNTHIA BOLL/AP

Bystanders give first aid to injured victims Thursday after a car slammed into a monument in Apeldoorn, Netherlands. The speeding car raced toward a bus carrying Queen Beatrix and her family during celebrations for the national Queen's Day holiday.

4 killed in Dutch parade crash

By CYNTHIA BOLL
The Associated Press

APELDOORN, Netherlands — A speeding car raced toward an open bus carrying the Dutch royal family during a holiday parade Thursday and plowed into spectators, killing four people and injuring 13 in an apparently deliberate act, authorities said.

The small black car headed at high speed toward the bus carrying Queen Beatrix and passed within a few yards of it before crashing into a stone monument. The incident was witnessed by The Associated Press.

People flew through the air after the car swerved across police railings, where the crowd was lined up five or six deep to see the immensely popular royal family pass on its way to the Het Loo palace on the Queen's Day national holiday.

Prosecutors said they believe the incident was de-

liberate, but not an act of terrorism. They did not indicate a motive or say why the queen might have been a target. The driver was a 38-year-old white Dutch male with no police record or history of mental illness, police said. They would not give his name.

It was not clear how the car managed to enter the parade area, which police had sealed off hours before.

Police officers removed the injured driver, who was slumped against his seat with blood on his forehead, from the vehicle and put him into an ambulance. Other officers gave medical aid to spectators before they were taken to the hospital.

"From initial contact with police before the suspect was removed from the car ... we have reason to believe it was a deliberate action," prosecutor Ludo Goossens told reporters.

Apeldoorn Mayor Fred de Graaf said eight of the injured were in serious condition.

Weight mars jet takeoff in Australia

The Associated Press

SYDNEY — A jetliner struggled to liftoff and only took flight after slamming its tail into the runway in March because someone entered the wrong weight for the plane into the flight's computer, investigators said Thursday.

As the Airbus 340, carrying 275 people, reached takeoff speed, the

Emirates airline captain called for his co-pilot to begin liftoff, but the plane's nose did not rise off the ground, the Transport Safety Bureau said.

With the end of the runway nearing, the captain again called for liftoff, and the co-pilot tried again — this time raising the nose but leaving the tail dragging.

The captain then pushed the thrust levers to the maximum setting, the engines roared and the plane finally took off.

No one was hurt in the March 20 incident at Melbourne airport.

The tail ripped out at least one runway light and a radio antenna, and a flight data recorder at the rear of the plane was dislodged.

Man arrested for cocaine in oranges

ROME — The man claimed he needed the oranges in his suitcase to keep up his vitamin C, but Italian police soon realized the "C" stood for cocaine.

Customs officers in Rome on Thursday arrested a 76-year-old Dutch man who tried to smuggle in more than 13 pounds of cocaine packed into oranges.

The man was arrested on international drug trafficking charges at Leonardo da Vinci airport.

Mice maul nursing home patient

SYDNEY — A pack of mice mauled a bedridden 89-year-old man at an Australian nursing home, shredding parts of his ears and prompting the government Thursday to launch an investigation into the facility.

Federal Minister for Aging Justine Elliot ordered a probe into what the government-run nursing home in Queensland state was doing to protect residents, saying that the attack was "extremely disturbing."

Sri Lankan rebels vow no surrender

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — The Tamil Tigers said Thursday they would never surrender to the advancing Sri Lankan forces and appealed to the international community to work harder for a cease-fire.

Sri Lanka has refused growing diplomatic pressure to stop its offensive against the rebel group's last stronghold in the northeast to safeguard the estimated 50,000 civilians trapped in the area.

Russian president signs border deals

MOSCOW — Russia signed a deal with Georgia's two breakaway regions Thursday giving Moscow the power to guard their borders.

President Dmitry Medvedev and the leaders of South Ossetia and Abkhazia signed the agreements at a Kremlin ceremony nearly nine months after the brief war between Russia and Georgia.

From The Associated Press

U.S. Navy hands over bodies of 3 pirates

By MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN
The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — American naval forces handed Somali authorities the bodies of three suspected pirates on Thursday, officials said, after U.S. snipers shot the trio earlier this month during a standoff over an American hostage.

The sole surviving pirate suspect from the April 8 attack on the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama is in custody in the U.S. facing piracy charges.

Lt. Col. Mohamed Abdule Mohamed, the chief of security in the country's northern Bossaso port, said regional authorities sent a small boat to collect the wooden coffins containing the bodies from a warship stationed around four miles off the coast.

"I hope they will hand the bodies over to their relatives," Mohamed said, but noted that none of the people at the port on Thursday when the bodies arrived back in Somalia had identified themselves as family members of the dead men.

"Maybe they will join the funeral procession," he said.

Mohamed said the Americans claimed they had been doing DNA tests on the bodies during the past few days.

A spokeswoman for the Bahrain-based U.S. 5th Fleet declined to comment on possible DNA testing, but confirmed the bodies were transferred to Somali police.

"Their remains were initially transferred to the USS Boxer and have remained in U.S. Navy custody until a transfer to local Somali authorities could be arranged," said Lt. Stephanie Murdock.

The three men, along with the fourth suspect, Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse, dominated the world's television screens for days following their attack on the Alabama and the standoff over the ship's captain, Richard Phillips, who was taken hostage.

Muse eventually surrendered to a nearby warship to seek treatment for a wound sustained during the attack, and now faces trial in New York. Navy SEAL sharpshooters killed his three companions after they pointed their guns at Phillips.

Gunman kills 12, self at Azerbaijani school

By AIDA SULTANOVA
The Associated Press

BAKU, Azerbaijan — A young man armed with an automatic pistol and clips of ammunition rampaged through a prestigious institute in the Azerbaijani capital Thursday, killing 12 people and wounding others before killing himself as police closed in, the government said.

Little is known about the gunman and even less about the motive for the bloodshed that shook the faculty and students of the Azerbaijani State Oil Academy, a noted school whose graduates have included future presidents and tycoons.

The suspect, Farda Gadyrov, entered the Azerbaijani State Oil Academy in Baku and climbed five floors of the building, shooting everyone he met along the way, according to a joint statement from the Interior Ministry and state prosecutors.

Gadyrov, a Georgian citizen born in 1980, then shot and killed himself with the gun, a Makarov pistol, when he saw police approaching, the statement said. It said he had three magazines of ammunition.

The statement gave no motive for the attack in Azerbaijan, a country at the crossroads of western Asia and Eastern Europe, with Russia, Georgia, Armenia and Iran at its borders.

TV footage from inside the academy showed victims lying

face down in the corridors, apparently dead, with blood seeping onto the floor. Students carried others, apparently injured, out of the building, and weeping women hurried out.

"We were in an exam, we heard gunshots, we went out of the classroom in panic and saw a gunman opening fire on everyone. Three of my friends were shot," Bekir Belek, a Turkish student, told CNN-Turk television from a Baku hospital. "Everywhere was covered in blood, all the corridors."

"We were trying to escape but had to return when my friends were shot; we took them to hospital," Belek said.

Azeri President Ilham Aliyev offered condolences in a statement later Thursday, and said he would personally oversee the investigation.

The Azerbaijani television station ANS quoted an official in Dashtep, the Georgian village where Gadyrov grew up, as saying that Gadyrov had left with his parents about a decade ago to live in Russia, then returned briefly about a month ago before moving to Azerbaijan. "It was said that someone had promised him work," said the official, Vidadi Gasanov.

Gasanov described him as an unsociable child who mostly stayed in his house and said "there was something strange in his character."

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Parker, Broderick expecting twins

Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick will be taking on new roles: parents of twin girls.

The "Sex and the City" star and her actor-husband are expecting twins through a surrogate pregnancy, representatives for the couple said Tuesday.

Parker, 44, and Broderick, 47, "are happily anticipating the birth of their twin daughters later this summer with the generous help of a surrogate. The entire family is overjoyed," said a statement from the publicists.



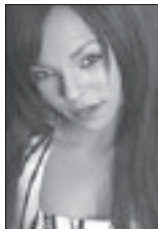
Actors Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker will be parents again. The pair are expecting twin girls later this summer via surrogate.

Ashanti set to make her stage debut in 'The Wiz'

Ashanti is going down the Yellow Brick Road to Oz.

The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter will make her stage debut this summer as Dorothy in a revival of "The Wiz," the soul-tinged version of the classic L. Frank Baum story. The musical will play June 12 through July 5 at New York City Center as part of its "Encores! Summer Stars" series. Opening night is June 18.

"The Wiz" has a book by William F. Brown and a score by Charlie Smalls.



Ashanti

Back to 'Wall Street'?

Michael Douglas and Oliver Stone may try to tell us that greed is still good with a sequel to their 1987 hit "Wall Street."

Douglas is reprising his role as Gordon Gekko and Stone is on board to direct the sequel, which for now has the working title "Wall Street 2," said 20th Century Fox spokesman Gregg Brilliant.

Brilliant said the project is timely and relevant given the state of the world.

"We need to keep the story line under wraps, but it's literally ripped from today's headlines," Brilliant said. "It's going to be very big and very cool."

With the economy and financial markets in a tailspin, it will be different times for Douglas' Gekko. In the original film, corporate raider Gekko was a symbol of Wall Street greed and corruption during the boom era of the 1980s. The sequel is scheduled to start shooting this summer.

In brief

Lane Garrison, who was serving a sentence of three years and four months for a drunken driving crash, has been released from prison. The former "Prison Break" actor was paroled and picked up early Wednesday from the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi, Calif., Lt. Jon Bartelmie said.

Jackie Chan has celebrated a milestone with the announcement of his 100th movie project — a collaboration with "Rumble in the Bronx" director Stanley Tong. The 55-year-old "Rush Hour" star said on his Web site he will co-direct the

film tentatively called "Chinese Zodiac" with Tong, with shooting to take place in China, Austria and France. The veteran action star has also been in talks to star as the Mr. Miyagi character in a remake of "The Karate Kid," the 1984 film about a mentor who teaches a youngster how to stand up to bullies.

Rihanna will get back \$1.4 million in borrowed jewelry she was wearing the night she was allegedly beaten by Chris Brown. Prosecutors agreed to have the jewelry photographed for evidence if it is needed at a trial.

A spokesman says **Farrah Fawcett's** condition is unchanged as the actress battles cancer. Earlier this month, the 62-year-old "Charlie's Angels" star was treated at a hospital for internal bleeding that her physician said wasn't directly related to her anal and liver cancer.

Al Roker will join The Weather Channel as host of a new morning program. Roker, who remains the weathercaster on NBC's "Today" show, will be on the air an hour earlier each weekday for the Weather Channel's "Wake Up With Al."

Kenny Chesney will tape an episode May 12 of public television's popular show "Austin City Limits" to air sometime in the fall. Chesney joins a long list of recording artists to appear on the show, including Van Morrison, Ray Charles, Willie Nelson, the Allman Brothers and Merle Haggard.

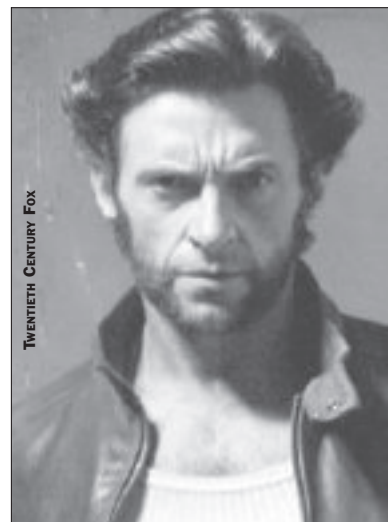
Supermodel **Tyra Banks** says she

feared for her safety when she learned that her accused stalker had entered the Manhattan building where she tapes her TV show. Banks testified Wednesday at the New York trial of Brady Green. The man from Dublin, Ga., is charged with stalking her.

— The Associated Press



Banks



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'Wolverine' has secret endings

Fans of "Wolverine" who watched the online leak of the film won't miss one thing by skipping the theater — they'll miss at least two.

Director Gavin Hood says the theatrical version of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," due out Friday in the States, features two different "Easter egg" endings. The short bits of footage play after the credits and reveal important information about key characters. Hood says the two endings play on separate prints, so different theaters may show different footage.

The full-length work print leaked last month has a different ending than the one recently screened for reporters.

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine" stars Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber and will.i.am.

— The Associated Press

It's a love story: Bana & his muscle car

Eric Bana has shared the screen with various leading ladies. The only one who really got his motor running? A Ford GT Falcon coupe.

"She's definitely the most tempting," laughed Bana in an interview Tuesday at the Tribeca Film Festival.

Bana has brought his directorial debut "Love the Beast" to Tribeca. A documentary about his abiding connection to his first car, it's a 25-year-old love story for the 40-year-old Australian actor dating back to his teenager years in Melbourne.

Bana is a serious racer and often competes professionally in Australia — including in the grueling five-day Targa Tasmania Rally. The film follows Bana racing his beloved car — nicknamed "the Beast" — in the 2007 Targa Tasmania, in which he crashed on the fourth day. (Bana emerged uninjured along with his co-driver.)

The film may sound like a vanity project, but it unfolds as an examination of how people develop deep emotional bonds with inanimate objects. In the film, Bana refers to his muscle car as a constant in his life and a "campfire" around which he and his friends gather.

"I hate the term 'passion project,'"

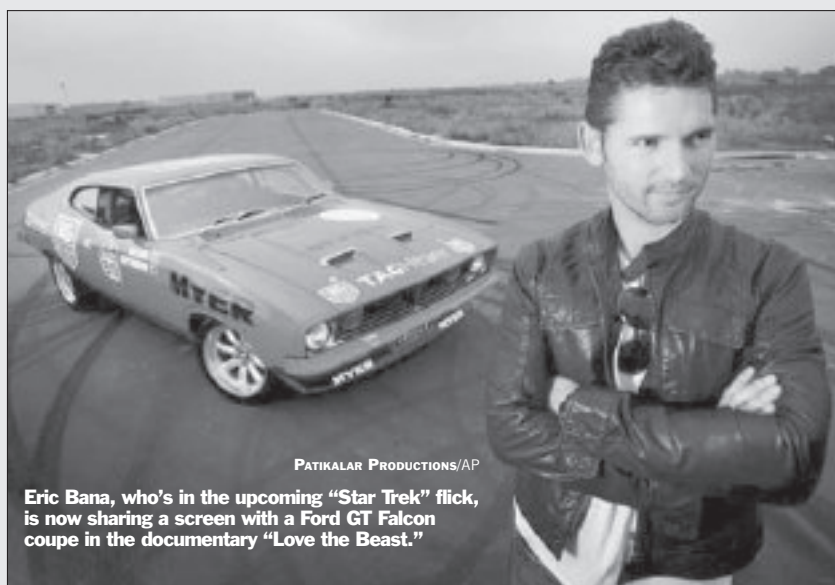
Bana says. "To me, it's like, what, directors don't normally make projects that they're passionate about? A passion project for me is going motor racing. Going motor racing with cameras is not a passion project."

Bana ("Munich," "Hulk") decided to make "Love the Beast" — which took three years to finish — in part because he was frustrated by car films that never spoke to him emotionally.

"I feel like it's a film I made on behalf of car people, not for car people," says Bana. "As personal as it is and as much of me as it is, the audience seem to make it about themselves."

The film doesn't yet have distribution in North America; he's hoping to find a deal at Tribeca. "Love the Beast" includes appearances from fellow automobile enthusiast Jay Leno and TV guru Dr. Phil, who analyzes Bana's emotional attachment to his car.

Bana, who lives in Australia with



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Eric Bana, who's in the upcoming "Star Trek" flick, is now sharing a screen with a Ford GT Falcon coupe in the documentary "Love the Beast."

his wife and two children, says he's enjoying the dichotomy of looking for an audience for the modest "Love the

Beast" while starring in some of the year's biggest films.

— Jake Coyle/The Associated Press

FAITH

Bollywood takes aim at Muslim bias

By EMILY WAX

The Washington Post

MUMBAI, India — The sunny apartment had everything Palvisha Aslam, 22, a Bollywood producer, wanted: a spacious bedroom and a kitchen that overlooked a garden in a middle-class neighborhood that was a short commute to Film City, where many of India's Hindi movies are shot.

She was about to sign the lease when the real estate broker noticed her surname. He didn't realize that she was Muslim, he said. Then he rejected her. It was just six weeks after the November Mumbai terrorist attacks and Indian Muslims were being viewed with suspicion across the country. He then showed her a grimy one-room tenement in a Muslim-dominated ghetto. She felt sick to her stomach as she watched the residents fight over water at a leaky tap in a dark alley.

"That night I cried a lot. I was still an outcast in my own country — even as a secular Muslim with a well-paid job in Bollywood," said Aslam, who had similar experiences with five other brokers and three months later is still crashing on friends' sofas. "I'm an Indian. I love my country. Is it a crime now to be a Muslim in Mumbai?"

In the months after the brazen three-day Mumbai terrorist attacks, stories like Aslam's are common, even among some of the country's most beloved Bollywood actors, screenwriters and producers in India's most

cosmopolitan city. The accusations of discrimination highlight the often simmering religious tensions in the world's biggest democracy, where Muslim celebrities can be feted on the red carpet one minute and locked out of quality housing the next.

The phenomenon has become known here as "renting while Muslim." It raises questions that go to the heart of India's identity as a secular democracy that is home to nearly every major religion on the planet. Although India has a Hindu majority, it also has 150 million Muslims, one of the largest Islamic communities in the world.

"The new generation wants a better India that isn't bogged down in religious strife," said Junaid Memon, 34, a Muslim Bollywood director who is trying to promote religious harmony through his films and his Facebook site. "We shouldn't be an India that ghettoizes all Muslims to apartments near a mosque. This is a real test for modern India."

With national elections across India some Muslim activists and Bollywood film directors are raising the issue with political parties and trying to form a voting bloc.

"This election, we have to talk about housing discrimination against Muslims," said Zulfi Sayed, a Muslim actor who is outspoken about the issue and is courting Hindus who agree with him. "In a shining India, this shouldn't be still such a common practice."

In the days after November's Mumbai attacks, Muslims from all corners of society united,

holding candlelight vigils with a message to protest terrorism and pledge loyalty to India. In the end, there was no communal violence.

But across the country, reports of housing discrimination have increased.

In India, Muslims are often segregated, and they experience high poverty rates and low literacy. Although they make up nearly 14 percent of India's population, they hold fewer than 5 percent of government posts and are just 4 percent of the student body in India's elite universities, according to a 2006 government report.

But there are few issues more emotional than housing, especially in Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay, India's pulsating city of dreams where aspiring farmers and filmmakers come from across the country to seek fame and fortune.

"The ethos of Bombay is a city open to the world. The Muslims of this city feel that way, too. But the real question is why do we as Indian Muslims always have to be proving our loyalty?" asked Nawman Malik, a popular Bollywood producer who spent months searching for an apartment. "We have no problem with security screenings; in fact, we prefer it. But to reject us outright for our religion is harassment."

Junaid Memon, 34, left, a Muslim Bollywood director, is trying to promote religious harmony through his work. He had trouble renting his studio and meets with Naved Khan, a Muslim real estate broker who is trying to help Bollywood's Muslims find housing.

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FBI losing Muslims' trust

By PALOMA ESQUIVEL

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — As they sipped tea and nibbled on dates, more than 100 men and women listened to speakers sounding the same message: The FBI is not your friend.

"We're here today to say our mosques are off limits," Hussam Ayloush, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations for Greater Los Angeles, told the crowd last month at an Anaheim mosque.

"Our Quran is off limits," Ayloush said. "Our youth, who they try to radicalize, are off limits. Now is the time to tell them, 'We're not going to let this happen anymore.'"

Such strong words from a man who once was a vocal advocate of ties with federal law enforcement was yet one more signal that the fragile relationship between Muslim American groups and the FBI is being tested.

In the months and years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, FBI officials met privately with Muslim leaders, assuring them that a spate of hate crimes would be vigorously investigated and at the same time asking for help in the campaign against terrorism. Local leaders promised to encourage cooperation.

But even as relations warmed, a series of revelations caused some to begin questioning the FBI's real intentions.

Now, the leaders of several Muslim organizations say they feel betrayed. Because Orange

County, Calif., has been at the center of many of the revelations, local leaders have taken a lead in challenging the FBI, but the issues are resonating nationwide.

Recently, a coalition of the nation's largest Muslim organizations, including the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the Muslim Public Affairs Council and the Islamic Society of North America, issued a statement demanding that the Obama administration address FBI actions, including what they describe as

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the "infiltration of mosques," the use of "agent provocateurs to trap unsuspecting Muslim youth" and the "deliberate vilification" of the council.

"It reached a level where we felt we had to do something," said Agha Saeed, chairman of the American Muslim Taskforce on Civil Rights and Elections.

"The FBI is doing things which are not healthy. They are creating divisions and conflict, creating a totally negative, Islamophobic image of Muslims in America."

Federal Judge Cormac J. Carney said in Santa Ana he would review records of FBI inquiries into several Muslim groups who say they have been unfairly spied on and questioned.

The FBI, in turn, believed terrorists were either trying to reach Southern California to carry out attacks or were already here. To gain intelligence and demystify the agency's operations, the FBI met with local leaders and formed a committee that met monthly. But the delicate relationship soon began to fray.

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YOUR MONEY

New GI Bill transfer rules offer more control

Servicemembers retain ownership of benefits and can modify transfer at any time

Servicemembers nearing the end of their careers will find it easier than first thought to transfer new Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to their spouses or children, under Department of Defense regulations.

And servicemembers who elect to transfer GI Bill benefits will be allowed to modify or revoke that decision at any time, thus keeping control of a benefit with an average start value estimated at \$75,000 to \$90,000.

Bob Clark, assistant director of accession policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, discussed the transferability feature of the new GI Bill in some depth during a Wednesday phone interview.

The details should comfort many long-serving careerists

— including enlisted members facing high-year tenure rules or officers facing mandatory retirement — who worried about being denied transferability because they might not meet a requirement in the law to serve four additional years.

Clark said the four-year requirement will be relaxed, and for some waived entirely, for individuals near to retirement. The regulation on transferability isn't final yet because it hasn't been signed.

"We're awaiting a general counsel opinion on the [need for] publishing them in the Federal Register," Clark said.

The Department of Veterans Affairs administers all veterans' education benefits. Defense officials are only responsible for transferability policy because of

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

the potential impact on recruiting and retention. Officials decided to confirm policy details before they officially are set because VA was to accept Post-9/11 GI Bill applications as of May 1.

Here then are the transferability details, as explained by Clark:

Eligibility

Only servicemembers on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on or after Aug. 1, can transfer new GI Bill benefits, and only to their spouses, children or any combi-

nation thereof. Immediate family status will be confirmed through the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System.

Unused benefits, up to the full 36 months, can be transferred.

"You can give 36 months to one child or one month to 36 children," Clark quipped.

To transfer benefits, members must have served a minimum of six years and commit to serving four more from date benefit transfer is approved. However, exceptions — one permanent and five temporary — will be allowed to the four-year added service requirement.

ment dates in the next year or so. Retirements set for after July 1, 2010, officials decided, could be changed with little difficulty.

3. Servicemembers who first become retirement eligible on or after Aug. 1, but before Aug. 1, 2010, will be required to serve one additional year from the date that transfer of GI Bill benefits is approved.

4. Servicemembers who become retirement eligible on or after Aug. 1, 2010, but before Aug. 1, 2011, will have to serve two additional years from the date that benefit transfer is approved.

5. Servicemembers who become retirement eligible on or after Aug. 1, 2011, but before Aug. 1, 2012, will have to serve three additional years after benefit transfer is approved.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk High	52-wk Low
High	Low							
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,185.73	+168.78	+2.11	-6.73	-36.15	
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,106.41	+115.10	+3.85	-12.18	-39.89	
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	334.37	+2.27	+0.68	-9.81	-34.50	
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,516.14	+146.29	+2.72	-4.18	-40.68	
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,412.37	+26.08	+1.88	+1.06	-38.47	
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,711.94	+38.13	+2.28	+8.55	-29.05	
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	873.64	+18.48	+2.16	-3.28	-36.95	
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	561.68	+15.35	+2.81	+4.35	-33.04	
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	491.47	+18.66	+3.95	-1.60	-31.38	
14,564.81	6,772.29	DJ U.S. TotMkt	8,967.37	+213.81	+2.44	-1.32	-35.91	

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
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Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	4394005	8.68	+53	PSCrudeDL	N 207974	2.73	+14	PwShs QQQ	1327820	33.94	+46
SPDR	2756542	87.39	+1.82	DenisnM	G 31392	1.68	+31	Microsoft	763577	20.25	+32
DirFinBull	2537453	8.23	+79	EldorGrd	Q 21645	8.26	-01	ETrade	758409	1.63	-83
DirFinBear	2299885	8.20	+107	GoldkStr	Q 21528	1.33	+05	Intel	603713	15.35	+30
Citigrp	2177731	3.12	+23	LibAcq	N 13901	8.40	+05	Cisco	482751	19.25	+58
SPDR Fnd	1439433	10.88	+45	Taseko	N 12836	1.42	+05	Dndrean	427296	22.94	+11.13
WellsFargo	1401425	19.97	+49	GranTrra	G 12728	2.42	+04	FifthThrd	379271	4.13	+43
GenElec	1010371	12.22	+22	BarcGSol	N 11805	18.54	+49	Comcast	314371	15.24	+105
ProUrnFin	925107	3.56	+25	UraniumEn	N 11884	1.19	-06	Oracle	279343	19.60	+14
JPMorgCh	826474	34.48	+1.69	WalterInv	N 9837	7.22	+20	HuntBnk	229740	2.94	+16

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (May 1).....	94.00
South Korean won (May 1).....	1,312.00
Euro costs (May 1).....	\$1.3602
Dollar buys (May 1).....	€ 0.7352
British pound (May 1).....	\$1.51
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar).....	0.3771
British pound.....	\$1.4716
Canada (Dollar).....	1.1944
China (Yuan).....	6.8230
Denmark (Krone).....	5.6370
Egypt (Pound).....	5.6350
Euro.....	\$1.3219/0.7565
Hong Kong (Dollar).....	7.7501
Hungary (Forint).....	219.25
Israel (Shekel).....	4.1710
Japan (Yen).....	98.38
Kuwait (Dinar).....	0.2916
Norway (Krone).....	6.5952
Philippines (Peso).....	48.13
Poland (Zloty).....	3.35
Saudi Arabia (Riyal).....	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar).....	1.4788
South Korea (Won).....	1,277.35
Switzerland (Franc).....	1.1408
Thailand (Baht).....	35.27
Turkish new Lira.....	1.6015

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold.....	\$899.80
Silver.....	\$12.765

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate.....	3.25
Discount rate.....	0.50
Federal funds market rate.....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill.....	0.09
30-year bond.....	4.03

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS											
Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg					
Alliant Technosystem	...	11	79.81	+69	-6.9	...					
Boeing	...	14	40.55	+170	-5.0	...					
Computer Sciences	...	6	38.51	+127	+9.6	...					
General Dynamics	1.52	8	53.34	+273	-7.4	...					
General Electric	...	40	12.22	+22	-24.6	...					
Halliburton	...	36	14	20.48	+84	+12.7					
Harris Corp.	...	80	13	30.38	+76	-20.2					
Allied Signal	1.21	9	30.90	+147	-5.9	...					
L-3 Communications	1.40	11	77.68	+175	+5.3	...					
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	79.08	+195	-5.9	...					
Northrop	1.60	...	48.63	+36	+8.0	...					
Raytheon	1.24	11	46.16	+124	-9.6	...					
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	9	33.06	+315	+2.5	...					
Texas Instruments	...	44	18	17.38	+38	+12.0					
Tetron Inc.	...	08	8	10.81	-39	-22.1					
United Technologies	1.54	11	48.91	+94	-8.8	...					

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS											
Name	NAV	Chg.	%Ret.								
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	51.90	+0.55	+6.0	Fidelity Spartan: EoLdInv	30.92	+1.65	-2.4	Fidelity Invest: US9J	10.76	-0.1	+1.1
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Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.05	+27	+4.2	AIM Investments A: Const p	16.22	+22	-3.7	Frank/Temp Fmk A: SMCpGrA	22.49	+72	+10.8
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AIM Investments A: Const p	16.22	+22	-3.7	Fidelity Advisor T: GroppT	20.89	+44	+9.7	DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	32.89	+85	-5.1
Frank/Temp Fmk A: SMCpGrA	22.49	+72	+10.8	Putnam Funds A: GldEqty p	6.09	+12	-1.4	Lord Abbett A: DevGA p	11.91	+40	+12.3
DWS Invest S: GrInCS	10.99	+24	-7.7	Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	12.55	+31	-6.6	DWS Invest S: CorPInc	9.59	...	+5
Fidelity Advisor T: EdnT	16.13	+44	-4.4								

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Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan/Okinawa	--	\$1.984	--	\$2.014
Change in price	--	-1.0 cents	--	-2.0 cents
South Korea	\$2.145	--	\$2.377	\$2.293
Change in price	-0.6 cents	--	-0.9 cents	-2.0 cents
Guam	\$2.229*	\$2.349	\$2.459	--
Change in price	-1.0 cents	-1.0 cents	-1.0 cents	--

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After transfer of benefits, spouse eligibility will not be affected by divorce, and children will stay eligible even if they marry.

Permanent exception

If a servicemember who already has served at least 10 years is barred by service policy or statute from serving an additional four years because of high-year tenure rules or mandatory retirement rules, they still will be allowed to transfer GI bill benefits if they agree to serve the maximum amount of time allowed by that policy or law.

Temporary exceptions

Defense officials will allow five other waivers to the four-year requirement of additional service for categories of members nearing retirement eligibility or with retirement orders in hand.

These exceptions are to recognize, said Clark, "that we have a senior force out there who, had they had this opportunity many years ago, they probably would have selected transferability for their family members."

Granting these exceptions also helps force managers, he said. Without them, the services would see thousands of retirement-eligible servicemembers trying to stay four years longer to qualify for GI Bill transferability. That could have "a very negative impact on our force profiles," Clark said.

"So we said, 'Let's look at a way that we can phase this group out.' We developed five rules. All will sunset in 2013."

1. Servicemembers retirement eligible by Aug. 1, may transfer GI Bill benefits to an immediate family member and face no additional service requirement. "Retirement eligible" means completion of 20 years of active service or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.

2. Servicemembers with approved orders to retire on or after Aug. 1, but before July 1, 2010, will not have to serve added time to transfer benefits. This is to avoid forcing the services and members to change set retire-

Sustained eligibility

After transfer of benefits, spouse eligibility will not be affected by divorce, and children will stay eligible even if they marry. But the servicemember retains ownership of the benefit and can modify or revoke transfer at any time without explanation. Also, the GI Bill benefit cannot be treated by judges as property to be shared in a divorce.

Limits on use

A spouse can use GI Bill benefits like the servicemember. The monthly living stipend, set to match local Basic Allowance for Housing rate, won't be paid if the servicemember is on active duty. If the servicemember has left active duty, the spouse will be paid the living allowance. Children get the allowance whenever they use GI Bill benefits.

Also, the spouse has 15 years to use benefits after the servicemember leaves service. Children can use the benefit only until age 26. They can start using transferred GI Bill benefits after graduating from high school or at age 18.

A spouse can use transferred benefits immediately. A child can't use GI Bill benefits until the servicemember has served at least 10 years.

"We hope to start to accept requests for transfers in June," said Clark. "But the earliest date transfer would be approved is Aug. 1."

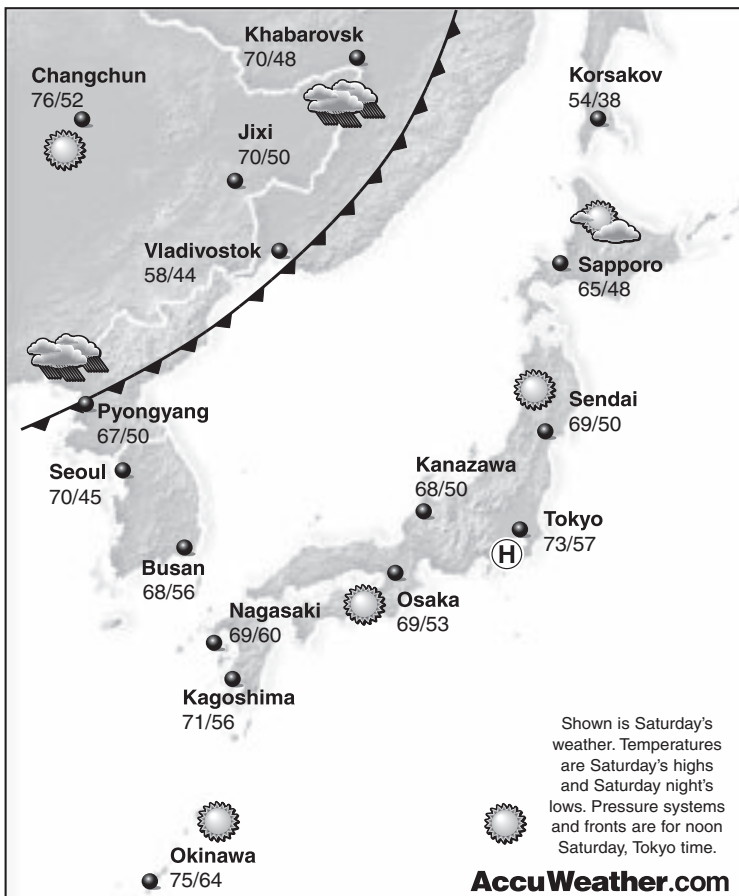
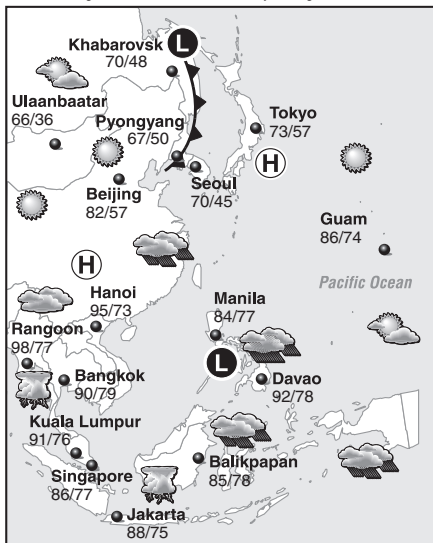
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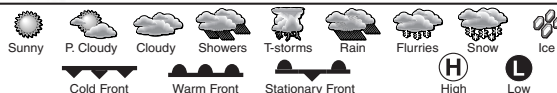
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Naha	1:30 a.m.	7:08 a.m.	12:46 p.m.	7:44 p.m.
Hachinohe	6:51 a.m.	1:26 a.m.	10:57 p.m.	3:11 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	4:07 a.m.	11:32 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	11:13 p.m.
Kunsan	9:02 a.m.	3:01 a.m.	9:35 p.m.	4:06 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	2:37 a.m.	8:07 a.m.	12:29 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
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Sasebo	4:02 a.m.	10:11 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:15 p.m.
Naha	2:44 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	2:27 p.m.	8:59 p.m.
Hachinohe	8:44 a.m.	3:46 a.m.	11:36 p.m.	4:26 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	5:38 a.m.	12:58 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	none
Kunsan	10:18 a.m.	4:15 a.m.	11:01 p.m.	5:29 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	3:28 a.m.	9:23 a.m.	2:12 p.m.	9:03 p.m.

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CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	57	36	Sun
Edmonton	64	33	Sun
Halifax	57	41	Rain
Iqaluit	25	17	Fly
Montreal	57	43	PCldy
Ottawa	56	38	Cldy
Quebec	52	37	Cldy
Regina	57	31	PCldy
Toronto	58	44	PCldy
Vancouver	62	49	Sun
Whitehorse	66	40	Sun
Windsor	62	43	PCldy
Winnipeg	50	34	Cldy
Yellowknife	49	24	PCldy

EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	62	47	Sun
Athens	68	55	Sun
Belgrade	65	46	PCldy
Berlin	72	51	Sun
Brussels	70	45	PCldy
Dublin	54	43	PCldy
Glasgow	51	43	Rain
Lisbon	77	57	Sun
London	64	50	PCldy
Madrid	75	45	Sun
Moscow	61	37	PCldy
Paris	66	43	PCldy
Rome	74	49	Sun
Warsaw	63	37	Sun

MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	81	61	PCldy
Baghdad	92	60	Sun
Cairo	90	74	Cldy
Dhahran	101	73	Sun
Islamabad	108	72	PCldy
Incirlik	70	56	Cldy
Kabul	80	49	PCldy
Kandahar	96	65	PCldy
Karachi	96	63	Sun
Kuwait	104	78	Sun
Mazar-e-Sharif	90	63	PCldy
Tehran	73	60	Cldy
Tel Aviv	86	63	PCldy
Zahedan	87	62	PCldy

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	86	74	Tstm
Algiers	67	44	PCldy
Cape Town	66	54	PCldy
Casablanca	80	62	Sun
Durban	76	66	Tstm
Freetown	90	72	Sun
Kano	96	75	Tstm
Khartoum	113	82	PCldy
Kisangani	83	68	Tstm
Luanda	86	74	Sun
Malakal	94	71	Cldy
Mogadishu	89	75	Sun
Tabora	83	63	PCldy
Timbuktu	113	63	Sun

LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	89	73	Sun
Bogota	64	49	Rain
Buenos Aires	79	62	Sun
Cancun	88	71	PCldy
Havana	86	67	Cldy
Kingston	86	78	Shwr
Lima	79	60	PCldy
Mexico City	79	49	PCldy
Nassau	85	73	Sun
Puerto Plata	85	74	Shwr
Rio de Janeiro	73	66	PCldy
Santiago	77	43	Sun
Santo Domingo	83	70	Shwr
San Jose	79	66	Tstm

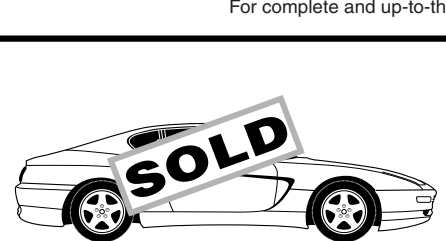
ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	58	46	PCldy
Colombo	87	77	PCldy
Darwin	89	73	PCldy
Dhaka	96	80	Tstm
Hong Kong	84	74	Sun
Kathmandu	97	65	Sun
Mumbai	63	50	PCldy
New Delhi	92	83	Sun
Phnom Penh	114	82	Sun
Shanghai	87	78	Tstm
Sydney	68	61	Rain
Taipei	84	68	PCldy
Xining	68	39	Cldy

SATURDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	83	60	Tstm
Akron, OH	62	42	PCldy
Albany, NY	65	41	PCldy
Albuquerque	71	47	Cldy
Allentown, PA	69	43	Cldy
Amarillo	56	47	Cldy
Anchorage	60	42	Sun
Asheville	77	56	Tstm
Baltimore	81	63	Tstm
Baton Rouge	66	51	Tstm
Bellows Falls	55	36	PCldy
Birmingham	82	64	Tstm
Bismarck	63	35	PCldy
Boise	71	51	PCldy
Boston	64	48	PCldy
Bridgeport	65	46	PCldy
Brownsville	91	76	PCldy
Buffalo	58	41	PCldy
Burlington	59	41	PCldy
Caribou, ME	53	33	Rain
Casper	52	30	Cldy
Charleston, SC	84	64	PCldy
Charleston, WV	69	55	Tstm
Charlotte, NC	84	62	Tstm
Chattanooga	63	43	Tstm
Cheyenne	43	23	Cldy
Chicago	61	41	PCldy
Cincinnati	62	46	Rain
Cleveland	61	43	PCldy

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Akron, OH	62	42	PCldy
Albany, NY	65	41	PCldy
Albuquerque	71	47	Cldy
Allentown, PA	69	43	Cldy
Amarillo	56	47	Cldy
Anchorage	60	42	Sun
Asheville	77	56	Tstm
Baltimore	81	63	Tstm
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SATURDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan
 Day: Partly sunny and mild. High 65.
 Night: Cloudy, a shower late. Low 48.

Kanto Plain
 Day: Sunny and pleasant. High 73.
 Night: Increasing cloudiness. Low 57.

Southern Japan
 Day: Mostly sunny. High 69.
 Night: Cloudy. Low 60.

Okinawa
 Day: Partly sunny; breezy. High 75.
 Night: Patchy clouds; breezy. Low 64.

Korea
 Day: Afternoon rain. High 70.
 Night: A brief shower or two. Low 45.

Guam
 Day: A couple of showers. High 86.
 Night: Overcast with a shower. Low 74.

SUNDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan
 Day: Cloudy, a shower; mild. High 67.
 Night: Rather cloudy. Low 52.

Kanto Plain
 Day: Mostly cloudy. High 72.
 Night: Mostly cloudy. Low 60.

Southern Japan
 Day: Cloudy. High 69.
 Night: Cloudy. Low 60.

Okinawa
 Day: Increasing cloudiness. High 75.
 Night: A couple of showers. Low 64.

Korea
 Day: Decreasing clouds. High 71.
 Night: Clear. Low 51.

Guam
 Day: Breezy with rain. High 87.
 Night: Cloudy and breezy. Low 74.

MONDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan
 Day: Sunlit and mild. High 69.
 Night: Partly cloudy. Low 50.

Kanto Plain
 Day: Mostly cloudy. High 70.
 Night: Cloudy. Low 59.

Southern Japan
 Day: Cloudy. High 69.
 Night: Showers around early. Low 62.

Okinawa
 Day: A couple of showers. High 75.
 Night: Breezy with rain. Low 67.

Korea
 Day: Sunny and beautiful. High 73.
 Night: Clear. Low 51.

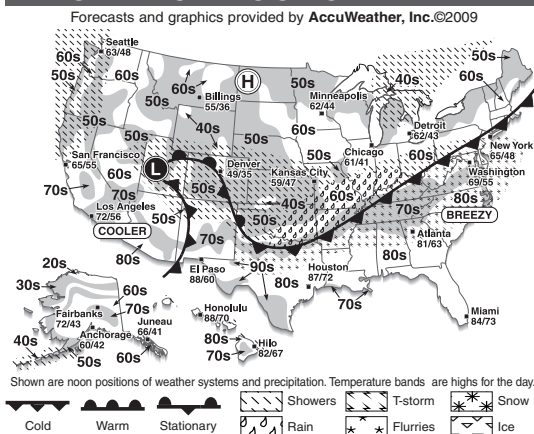
Guam
 Day: Breezy with rain. High 87.
 Night: Cloudy, showers around. Low 75.

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OPINION

Al-Maliki to blame for recent violence

By JOEL BRINKLEY

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If any one person holds primary responsibility for the fresh rush of carnage in Iraq, it is none other than Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a politician who has shown he cares little about the fate of his nation.

Consider the suicide bombers' targets last week: a Shiite Islam shrine and a gaggle of Iranian travelers coming to Iraq for worship — all direct or indirect constituents of al-Maliki, the protector of Iraq's Shiite majority. Al-Maliki had betrayed the perpetrators.

Do you remember the goals behind the so-called "surge" of American troops last year: to reduce the level of violence in Baghdad, and to set the table for national reconciliation? Well, the American troops did their part. Al-Maliki shirked his.

It's hard for any thinking person to hold sympathy for Iraq's Sunni minority. Saddam Hussein was Sunni. During his 24 years in power, he and his Sunni enforcers mercilessly oppressed and slaughtered tens of thousands of Iraqi Shiites. So it came as little surprise that when Iraq held general elections in December 2005, Shiite politicians won a majority of seats in Parliament and chose one of their own to be prime minister, first Ibrahim al-Jaafari and then, in April 2006, al-Maliki.

His primary goals in office have been to protect the nation's Shiite citizens while also enriching himself and his aides. On his watch, Iraq's government has grown to be one of the two or three most corrupt on Earth.

Well, in the last couple of years, the Sunnis have gone a long way toward redeeming themselves. They participated in the provincial elections in January and have become political players. And last year, 94,000 of them, primarily from the Sunni triangle, dropped their allegiance to insurgent groups that were planting roadside bombs and killing civilians. Instead, they

joined forces with the United States. These were the soldiers of the Awakening Councils, armed and financed by the U.S. military to fight al-Qaida.

They were quite effective. For all the talk about the success of the Bush administration's surge of American troops, the Awakening Councils were equally responsible for the drop in violence. From the very beginning, however, the Americans told the Sunni soldiers the day would come when the U.S. would leave Iraq, and they would have to join Iraq's national security forces.

That started early this year, as the U.S. began scaling back its operations. Al-Maliki assured the Americans the Awakening Council soldiers would get government jobs. And so the Americans began letting them go. But the jobs never appeared. Al-Maliki's government suddenly argued it was short of cash and had no money to pay the Sunni recruits.

Now, just how stupid is al-Maliki? Most of the Sunni soldiers are former insurgents who were dedicated to killing Shiites (and Americans). And in recent weeks they have been perfectly clear about their alternatives. In numerous media interviews, they have explained that if the Iraqi government will not hire them, al-Qaida is willing and eager to take them on.

Al-Maliki knows this. Of all his priorities, isn't pacifying the enemy among the highest?

But reconciliation is not a part of al-Maliki's lexicon. Consider a distressing story in The New York Times this week describing American-led mediation efforts between al-Maliki and former generals in Saddam's army. The generals wanted to return to Iraq and help stabilize the country. Al-Maliki would have none of it. Saddam's former officers, he howled, are "filled with hate from head to toe!"

Reconciliation? Forget it.

So then, on April 23 three bombings killed at least 80 people. Most were poor Shiites and Iranian tourists. Sunni leaders endlessly complain al-Maliki is too close

to Iran. When Saddam was in power, Iran was the enemy; the two states fought a brutal war in the 1980s.

Then on April 24, two suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the Imam Musa al-Kadhimi Shiite shrine, killing more than 60 people.

For several days after, the city was relatively quiet. Sunni militants had left their message. Al-Maliki's response? He ordered the arrest of two policeman in charge of protecting the shrine and set up a committee to investigate the attack.

What's there to investigate? Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani blamed al-Qaida. Didn't those Awakening Council members say al-Qaida had been trying to recruit them once al-Maliki abandoned them?

Prime Minister al-Maliki, if you want to find out who is to blame for the attacks, you don't need to a committee. You have only to look in the mirror.

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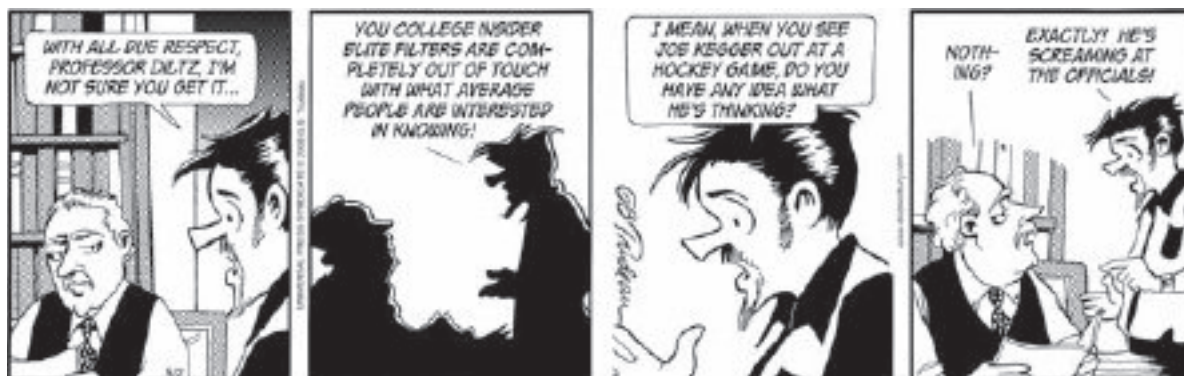
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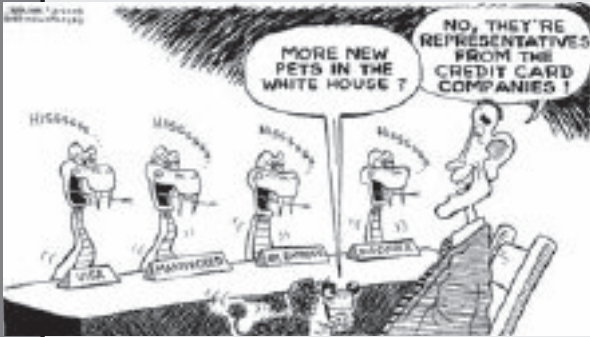
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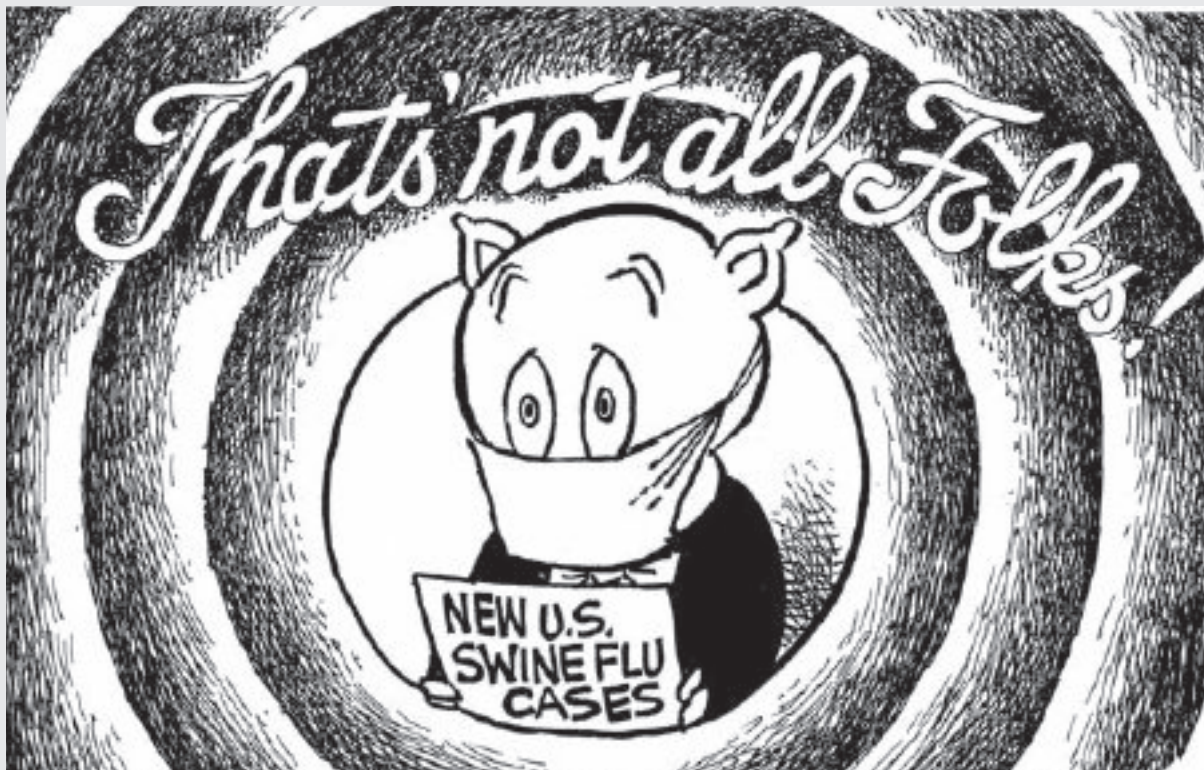
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Knife killings up 50 percent in 2008

NY NEW YORK — Gun homicides were down last year in New York City. But authorities say the number of killings committed with knives or other “cutting instruments” rose 50 percent.

New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne theorizes that authorities have made it harder for killers to get their hands on guns. But it's easy to legally acquire knives.

The city had 125 stabbing or slashing deaths last year. In 2007, there were 83.

FAA: Two killed in small plane crash

OH MAYFIELD — The Federal Aviation Administration says two people were killed when a small plane crashed just after taking off from a suburban Cleveland airport.

FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory says the single-engine plane went down in Mayfield Village, about 3 miles east of Cuyahoga County Airport. She says it was headed for Buffalo, N.Y.

Witnesses describe hearing a strange rumbling sound and seeing a plume of smoke in the sky.

Ex-university historian dispels hanging myths

NM ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico abounds with macabre tales about “hanging trees” where Wild West miscreants were strung up in the days of frontier justice — but as former state historian Robert Torrez discovered, there's more myth than truth in many of the stories.

As state historian from 1987 to 2000, Torrez was often asked by researchers about hangings and mob lynchings before New Mexico became a state and in the early days of statehood.

When he looked into their queries, “they'd find out that things often were not as we imagined them,” Torrez said.

But he did glean some hard facts amid the myths.

From 1849-1923, 71 people, including one woman, were legally hanged in what is now New Mexico. The practice ended when the Legislature changed the method to electrocution in 1929.

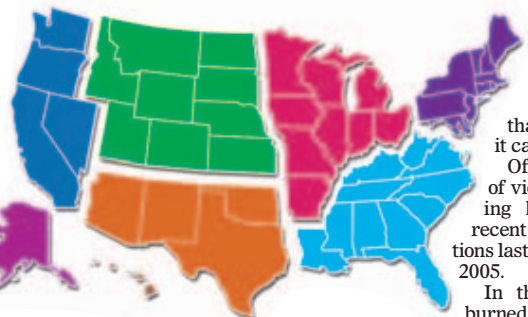
Torrez's book also lists 125 lynchings in New Mexico from 1852-1928, but he acknowledges the list is likely not complete.

Civil War conference takes visitors to 1859

VA RICHMOND — For one day, the University of Richmond will turn back the clock 150 years.

About 2,000 visitors from 26 states have signed up for the experience at the inaugural Virginia conference on the Civil War's 150th anniversary. “America on the Eve of the Civil War” will examine the nation from the perspective of 1859.

Some of the top scholars on the Civil War will look at the nation, the future of the South and Virgin-



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ia and examine the extraordinary life of John Brown, the abolitionist. The conference is one of seven Virginia plans through the sesquicentennial years of the Civil War.

Firefighters battle suspicious bush fires

NH LONDONDERRY — About 50 firefighters from a dozen communities helped battle two suspicious brush fires in Londonderry.

Fire officials say the first fire in the Musquash Conservation Area burned about 5 acres in the woods and was under control in about an hour. The second, about a quarter mile away, burned about 12 to 15 acres and took several hours to extinguish.

The Eagle Tribune reports Fire Chief Kevin MacCaffrie says the fires are being considered suspicious because of the separate locations.

Fire that killed 2 raises overcrowding concerns

HI HONOLULU — The house fire that killed two people in Honolulu is raising concerns about overcrowding of rental homes in these tough economic times.

The executive director of the Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance says some homes on Oahu are not meant to house so many people.

He says more people are being

forced to rent small rooms in single-family homes.

Doran says it's better than being homeless but it can be dangerous.

Officials say the number of violations for overcrowding has nearly tripled in recent years, with 29 violations last year compared to 10 in 2005.

In the Makiki home that burned down recently, five people were renting rooms from the owner who also lived in the home with her daughter and grandson.

Sheriff's office blasts dispatch center

ME AUGUSTA — Officials of the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office are sharply criticizing a state-operated dispatch center in Augusta, saying officers and the public are endangered by lapses there.

The Kennebec Journal reports that two dozen deputy-filed complaints, provided by Kennebec County Sheriff Randall Liberty and Capt. Jon Perkins, accuse the Augusta-based Central Maine Regional Communications Center of mishandling emergency calls, sending officers to incorrect addresses and failing to advise officers when weapons might be involved.

The newspaper reported that Clifford Wells, director of consolidated emergency communications for the state Department of Public Safety, said he remains confident in his dispatchers' performance, but disciplinary action was taken.

Heavy rains soak part of state, close schools

TX HOUSTON — Floodwaters from heavy rains forced high-water rescues, soaked homes and businesses, washed out roads and closed schools in portions of Texas.

Authorities in Houston were investigating a report that a motorist's vehicle disappeared into a drainage ditch after the driver miscalculated during the morning rush hour.

“I noticed it's still high and some water [is] still on some service roads,” he said, “but it's a great improvement over this morning.”

The city hall in Wortham in Freestone County was damaged by water and some roads were washed out in parts of the county in North Central Texas, officials said.

Historic grocery store gets new lease on life

ME PORTLAND — The store in Kittery that bills itself as the nation's oldest grocery run continuously by the same family plans to reopen after a Massachusetts investor bought the business at a U.S. Bankruptcy Court auction.

Frank Frisbee II will lease the property that includes Frisbee's Market and Cap'n Simeon's Galley from Al D'Amico of Saugus, Mass.

Frisbee, 79, told the Portland Press Herald that D'Amico expressed interest in buying the property after stopping there and discovering that the seafood restaurant behind the store had been closed.



You'd be proud, too

Model Amaris Brown smiles in Manchester, N.H., after winning the International Fantasy Hair Competition with a hair style called “Proud Peacock,” designed by Kevin Carter of The Artistry of Hair from Farmington Hills, Mich.



Purple precision

A bumble bee is frozen in flight at a purple fountain salvia plant at Apenberry's Gardens in Orlando, Fla.



Signs of spring

Daffodils bloom at the home of Stan and Elaine Fitch in Calais, Vt..



A treat of a dress

Avrio Smart walks the catwalk in a creation by designer Amy Quinn named “Rainbow Sherbert” during the “Art to Wear” fashion show at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.



Happy, happy hippo

friends, Puddles and Patty.

Happy the hippo, the Smithsonian National Zoo's solitary male Nile hippopotamus, is heading to the Milwaukee County Zoo where his new home will include a pool, a sandy beach and two potential girl-



Showing its age

A bluebird is checked for its age after being captured at Tenalquot Prairie in Ft. Lewis, Wash. Conservation groups are trying to return three pairs of Western Bluebirds to native oak woodlands on San Juan Island, Washington.



Home explosion

Firefighters and emergency personnel are seen operating at the scene of a gas explosion that destroyed a house and injured two people in Queens, N.Y.

College sophomore dies of acute intoxication

DC WASHINGTON — The office of the chief medical examiner says a George Washington University sophomore found dead in her dorm room in January died of acute alcohol intoxication.

Laura Treanor, 19, of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., was found dead in her bed after a night out with friends. A roommate called 911 after she tried to wake Treanor and realized that she was unconscious.

Treanor was a member of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and an editor at the Hatchet, a student newspaper, which first reported the cause of death.

Teacher accused of having sex with teen

VT PLAINFIELD — Police say a veteran Vermont teacher likely will face felony charges for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old student.

Authorities have accused John Buttura Jr., of Waterbury Center, of having a two-month relationship with the teenager. Police say they expect him to be charged with sexual exploitation of a minor.

School officials at Twinfield Union School say Buttura has been suspended with pay.

George Burlison, a superintendent of the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union, says Buttura taught technology and shop at the school.

School might be too expensive to keep open

HI HONOLULU — The fate of an East Oahu public elementary school is to be decided during a special meeting of the state Board of Education.

A task force has recommended Waiiue Valley School be closed and its 78 students transferred to nearby Aina Haina Elementary School.

The task force composed of school administrators, parents and community members issued a report that said the state spends around \$12,000 per student per year at Waiiue Valley, compared with some \$5,000 at Aina Haina.

Closing Waiiue Valley and moving students and staff would save the state about \$800,000 a year. In addition, Waiiue Valley has a maintenance backlog of nearly \$10 million.

Court to decide if curfew violates teens' rights

NY ALBANY — New York's top court will consider arguments on whether Rochester's juvenile curfew violates teens' rights or is a useful tool in curbing youth killings and other street violence.

Lawyers for the western New York city, which imposed the curfew in 2006 after seven youngsters including a pregnant 16-year-old were slain the year before, is urging the Court of Appeals to keep it intact. The seven judges are expected to rule in May.

"We have not had anywhere near the number of serious violent acts involving youth — at least in murder — that there was beforehand,"

said Jeffrey Eichner, an attorney for the city.

A divided midlevel appeals court in October rejected the ordinance, noting that city crime statistics showed minors were "substantially more likely to be involved in crime or to be victims of crime during hours outside the curfew."

Police: Woman's teeth a weapon in assault case

TX SAN ANGELO — A San Angelo woman has been charged with aggravated assault with a weapon — her teeth — after allegedly biting off part of her boyfriend's lip in a domestic dispute.

Aubrey Joyce Garcia, 27, is accused of biting Antonio Zaragoza, 33, during a fight. She was arrested after police were called to a home where the two were fighting, police said.

Garcia remained in the Tom Green County Jail. Her bail is \$30,000.

Zaragoza was treated at a hospital and released.

If convicted, Garcia faces up to 99 years in prison.

Prisons likely to survive state budget cuts

NV CARSON CITY — A key legislative budget panel voted as expected to reject Gov. Jim Gibbons' recommendation and keep the old Nevada State Prison, which dates to the 1870s, open for the next two years.

Closure of the prison in Carson City was among several cost-cutting plans questioned previously by members of the Senate-Assembly budget subcommittee as they worked on state spending priorities for the next two fiscal years.

The subcommittee, whose decisions are expected to be adopted by the full Legislature next month, also voted to keep open the state Department of Corrections' Tonopah prison camp, which houses inmates who help fight wildfires throughout Nevada.

Former cop named Teacher of the Year

CT HARTFORD — A Connecticut high school teacher and former New York Police Department officer is the National Teacher of the Year.

Anthony Mullen now works at an alternative high school in Greenwich. He was named Connecticut's 2009 Teacher of the Year last fall.

He says as a teacher he gets to spend a lot more time with at-risk students.

Mullen teaches at the ARCH School for at-risk and special needs teenagers.

Bald eagle found in landfill to be released

VA WAYNESBORO — A bald eagle that was found stuck in asphalt at a King George County landfill is set to be released back into the wild.

The Wildlife Center of Virginia worked for days to remove the thick, tarry asphalt from the bird's feet and abdomen after it was brought in. The eagle also was treated for exposure to pesticides and other poisons before being rehabilitated for release.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Earlier in the week, Mars, the warrior planet, formed a terse angle with the awesomely powerful Pluto. Now Venus, the love planet, is following suit. You'll notice the same disharmony in the world that has always been there. And instead of wanting to war against it, you could decide to combat it with kindness — and this plan just might work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 2).

You know what you want and focus in on your No.1 goal. Others have learned the hard way so you don't have to. Piggyback on the great minds of those before you. Read and follow the instruction of mentors. You'll make astounding progress over the next 10 months. June features tender love. July brings discovery. Leo and Pisces adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are needed. Though that is a secure feeling, it may also be an annoying one. The moments when you are able to do exactly what you want to do will help, you cope with other demands on your energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It is not necessary to rehash old history. Everyone has a theory about why things are the way they are. Since none of these can be proven, perhaps it's best to just accept the realities and go from there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Invite someone into your world, but put some healthy boundaries on the invitation. Otherwise, you could have someone much more involved with you than you intended or are ready for at this stage in the game.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are offered a deal that is more complex than you would like. If you want to say yes in spite the complications, you are probably responding to a gut feeling that you are correct to honor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's nothing that will feel more satisfying than giving someone else an opportu-

nity. You have a terrific sense for making matches, too. You guide others to the people and positions that they will most enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The exceptional work you do will be appreciated. The usual work you do may, unfortunately, go unmentioned. You know the quantity and scope of what you've done, and that gives you a private feeling of accomplishment.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The kindness you show to a partner's family, friends or colleagues will be deeply felt. This extension of respect is a gift to your partner and a testament to your character.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This morning, you could be moving slow or getting easily distracted. Do some menial work like laundry or paying bills to focus your energy. Stay on task with that for an hour and your productive energy will return.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Social awkwardness can be blamed for 90 percent of today's tension and stress. So whatever you can do to make it easy for yourself and those around you to converse and connect will save the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid snobbery. Those in elite circles and exclusive clubs are in danger of losing touch. You'll learn the most and be the most powerful when you mingle with all kinds of people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Use caution in your relationships. Small increments of responsibility are favored. Short-term commitments are best. If you're getting into a new deal, make sure you know what your out points are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Seize any opportunity you get to be nice to people and make them feel wonderful. And if you are not presented with such opportunities, create them. Extra social efforts will be rewarded.

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Yesterday's solution

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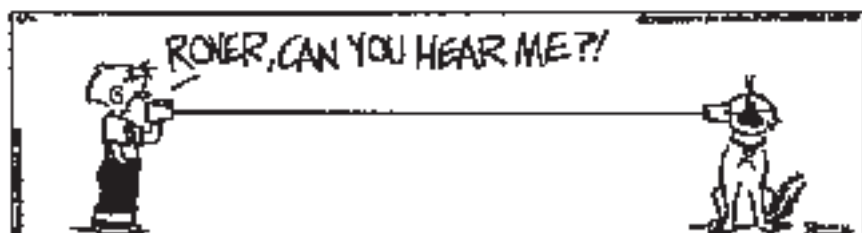
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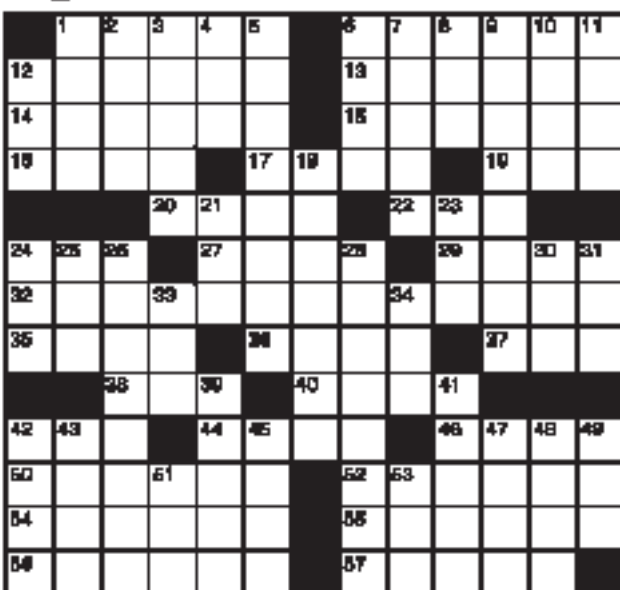
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 20 Wagon
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- 27 Needing a message
- 29 Do nothing
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- 38 Hem and —
- 40 Savior
- 42 Gorilla
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- 45 She's come-hither look
- 50 He was inspired by an apple
- 52 Blue hue
- 54 Characteristic
- 56 Mates for mortises
- 58 Surgical device
- 57 Safe-crackers

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- 4 Big bother
- 5 Where the school day starts
- 6 Old portico
- 7 Play banjo idly
- 8 Is for you?
- 9 Spoilsports
- 10 "Born Free" lioness
- 11 Dispatched
- 12 Leaky's hallucinogen
- 18 Narrow waterways
- 21 Blind shade
- 23 The whole
- 24 Spinning start
- 25 "Good old —"
- 26 Incidentally
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FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Driven" Marisol witnesses a robbery.	(8:30) Movie "Mulan" (1998) Voices of Ming-Na Wen.	Movie "The Linda McCartney Story" (2000) George Segal, Elizabeth Mitchell.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	(8:00) NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	(8:00) Sports
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00		Curious George	(4:45) Movie "A Beautiful Mind" (2001) Russell Crowe, Ed Harris. Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. has paranoid schizophrenia.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30	Dr. Phil	Higglytown Heroes			Everybody-Raymond	AFN Europe Report	E! News	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Sports
11:00		LazyTown		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Sun City Soldier	The Daily 10		
11:30	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny			Judge Judy	Fit For Duty	Supernanny "Larmer Family"		
12:00	ESPN	Dora the Explorer		Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Reba "Reba's Heart"	Inside the NBA	
12:30	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "The Juror" (1996, Suspense) Demi Moore, Alec Baldwin.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Young and the Restless	Around the Services	Downrange		
13:00		Bear in House			General Hospital	Recon Revisited	Girlfriends	SportsCenter	Sports
13:30	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Emeril Live		
14:00	World News-Gibson		(4:45) Movie "The Pelican Brief" (1993) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington. An inquisitive law student becomes the target of assassins.	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Army Newswatch	How Do I Look?	SportsCenter	
14:30	Sesame Street	Funnies Home Videos		Tavis Smiley		EXchange on Air			
15:00		Planet's Funniest Animals		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Downrange	Ax Men "Picking Up the Pieces"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
15:30	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Nightline	Jeopardy!	Today's Air Force	King of the Hill		X Play
16:00	Dr. Phil	(4:40) Zatch Bell		The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	All Hands TV	That '70s Show		Futurama
16:30					Around the Services	Briefing Encore	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
17:00	Judge Alex	(5:05) Movie "Fly Away Home" (1996, Drama) Jeff Daniels, Anna Paquin, Dana Delany.	Behind the Scenes	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Biggest Loser	Criss Angel Mindfreak	The Colbert Report	NBA Action	Family Guy
17:30	Everybody-Raymond		What It Takes	Today	Survivor: Tocantins	My Name Is Earl		SportsCenter	World Poker Tour From the Bellagio in Las Vegas.
18:00	Access Hollywood	Avatar: Last Air Bender	Movie "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman. Two groups of mutated humans square off against each other.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	The Amazing Race 14		Baseball Tonight	
18:30	Judge Judy	The Naked Brothers Band			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	ER "Tandem Repeats"			
19:00	The Young and the Restless	iCarly Sam gets detention.	(0:01) Movie "Unbreakable" (2000) Bruce Willis. A train-crash survivor discovers an extraordinary talent.		Late Show-Letterman	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.			South Park
19:30	General Hospital	Just Jordan				Seinfeld "Yada Yada"			South Park
20:00		Wizards of Waverly Place				Friends			Best Damn Sports Show Period
20:30	Days of our Lives	Heroes "Better Halves"				Daily Show-Jon Stewart			Attack of the Show!
21:00									
21:30	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Thanksgiving"	(0:04) Movie "Galaxy Quest" (1999) Tim Allen.	Newsroom					
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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Avatar: The Last Air Bender	(11:04) Movie "Galaxy Quest" (1999, Comedy) Tim Allen.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Recon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	Baseball Tonight	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	The Naked Brothers Band		Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Scrubs "My Urologist"	SportsCenter	Futurama "I Dated a Robot"
1:00	Headline News	iCarly Sam gets detention.	(0:02) Movie "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.	Newsroom	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	My Name Is Earl		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Wizards of Waverly Place			CSI: Miami "Free Fall"	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives "The Miracle Song"	SportsCenter	Family Guy
2:00	The Biggest Loser	Just Jordan		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Desperate Housewives "The Miracle Song"		World Poker Tour From the Bellagio in Las Vegas.
2:30		Everybody Hates Chris			EXchange on Air	The American Veteran			
3:00		Heroes "Better Halves"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	State Dept Briefing	Third Watch "The Lost"		MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	South Park
3:30	Survivor: Tocantins	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Thanksgiving"			Battleground	Seinfeld "Yada Yada"			South Park
4:00					Around the Services	Friends			Best Damn Sports Show Period
4:30	Headline News	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	(4:57) Movie "Unbreakable" (2000, Suspense) Bruce Willis. A train-crash survivor discovers an extraordinary talent.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	Kiana's Flex Appeal			Attack of the Show!
5:00	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Denise Austin's Getting Fit			
5:30		Sesame Street				Easy Entertaining			
6:00	Late Show With David Letterman	Viva Pinata	Movie "The Green Berets" (1968, Drama) John Wayne, David Janssen, Jim Hutton. A cynical anti-war newsman is assigned to a career soldier.	Around the Services	Connie the Cow	Ace of Cakes		Around the Horn	MTV Hits Playlist
6:30		Clifford's Puppy Days		NBC Nightly News	Sonic the Hedgehog	Ultimate Goals		SportsCenter	
7:00	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	(4:02) Movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai" (1957, War) William Holden, Alec Guinness, Sessue Hayakawa. A British colonel builds a bridge for his Japanese captor.	NHL Hockey Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA. (Live)	NHL Hockey Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA. (Live)	Freedom Journal Iraq			Sports
7:30	Judge Judy	Ellen's Acres		CBS Evening News		Fit For Duty			
8:00	CSI: Miami "Free Fall"	The Emperor's New School		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Recon Revisited	MythBusters Testing the fabled Archimedes death ray.	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
8:30		Phineas and Ferb		Hannity		State Dept Briefing	Decoding the Past		
9:00	Oprah Winfrey	Ben 10		Anderson Cooper 360	Hockey Central (Live)	Fit For Duty	Doomsday prophecy.		
9:30	Dr. Phil	Dragonball GT		Special Report With Bret Baier	Rocko's Modern Life	AFN Europe Report	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern Phuket, Thailand.	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Sports
10:00		My Life as a Teenage Robot			Danny Phantom	Fit For Duty	Latin Lifestyles		
10:30	CBS Evening News	Kenny the Shark		Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	Entertainment Studios.com	Battleground	Urban Style		
11:00	ESPN	Teen Kids News		Your World With Neil Cavuto	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Around the Services	Designed to Sell		
11:30	NBC Nightly News	Grossology	(4:00) Movie "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman. Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning portrait of an aged gunman.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Engineering an Empire "Greece"	FNG Useful benefits.	Tyler's Ultimate		
12:00	World News-Gibson	Out There		Around the Services	Access Hollywood	Army Newswatch	Big Daddy's House	SportsCenter	
12:30	Connie the Cow	Lizzie McGuire		Tavis Smiley		The Grill Sergeants	Healthy-Elle Krieger		
13:00	Sonic the Hedgehog	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Breaking the Record"		Nightly Business Report	Deadliest Catch The fleet hopes for a successful season.	Fit For Duty	New Amsterdam A student dies at a private school.		
13:30	Rocko's Modern Life	Animal Miracles "Indiana Jones"	(2:57) Movie "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron. A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order "Public Service Homicide"	Battleground	Stargate Atlantis "Conversion"	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
14:00	Danny Phantom	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "The Other Side"		Today	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Jacobo Family"	Fit For Duty	King of the Hill "Pilot"		Top 20 Countdown
14:30	Naruto	SpongeBob SquarePants	(4:00) Movie "Money Train" (1995) Wesley Snipes, Woody Harrelson. A transit cop's foster brother plans a subway robbery.	Nightline	World News-Gibson	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		Top 20 Countdown
15:00	Darcy's Wild Life	The Fairly OddParents		The O'Reilly Factor	ESPN	Army Newswatch	The King of Queens		
15:30	Entertainment Studios.com	The Universe "Secrets of the Sun" The sun.			This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Everybody Loves Raymond		
16:00	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Movie "Monsters, Inc." (2001, Comedy) Voices of John Goodman, Billy Crystal.		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order "Falling"	The Grill Sergeants	Samantha Who?		ECW
16:30	Engineering an Empire "Greece"	(3:36) American Idol The contestants perform.		Today	The Celebrity Apprentice	Fit For Duty	How I Met Your Mother		
17:00	Access Hollywood	American Idol A contestant faces elimination.		MSNBC Live	Headline News	Battleground	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles		
17:30	Deadliest Catch The fleet hopes for a successful season.	Movie "Mee-See: The Water Giant" (2005, Adventure) Bruce Greenwood, Daniel Magder.	(0:05) Movie "High Fidelity" (2000) John Cusack, Iben Hjejle.	Bulls and Bears	American Dad	Ballad and Beyond	Supernatural Life if Sam and Dean weren't hunters.	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show Period
18:00	Law & Order "Public Service Homicide"			Cavuto on Business	Til Death Jeff's mother visits.	All Hands TV	Saturday Night Live		Attack of the Show!
18:30	Law & Order "Falling"				The War at Home	Pacific Report			
19:00	The Celebrity Apprentice					Army Newswatch			
19:30						Today's Air Force			
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Atsugi - 2006 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab (US Spec), red, 15,000 miles. Power doors, windows, locks, AM/FM/CD/DVD/ipod stereo, 10" sub and amp. JCI due March 2010, 2009 road tax paid. \$14,000 OBO. Contact Scott at 264-9853 or 09029083706.

Atsugi - Blue 1996 Honda Odyssey. Japanese Navigation/GPS System. Custom stereo and rims. New tires. Sun roof. Keyless entry. Road Tax Paid. JCI and Base Inspection up-to-date. Call Dave / Jen. 264-7933.

Yokosuka - 1995 Honda Odyssey. Teal metallic. JCI Oct 2010. Road tax paid for 2009. Base Inspect done till Oct 2010. Only 61,600 km. Seats 7. AC Heat, CD/AM/FM. Tune-up done Feb 2009. \$2200. Call Tim at 090-1265-4680. Can be seen at Used Car lot at Yokosuka commissary.

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Yokosuka - 1995 Nissan Skyline. RB26 engine. Engine and suspension heavily modified. Lots of aftermarket components. VERY fast. 5 speed, 41K km. Power everything. JCI expires Dec 09. Dark blue with veliside body kit. Asking \$12,000 obo. Email diablo_2b@hotmail.com.

Yokosuka, Japan - For Sale! 2003 Nissan Skyline GT 350, only 13,800 miles, 5-speed automatic, Luxury edition, Clean Black leather interior, Dual auto temperature control, V-6 3.5t 260hp. Very Fast And economical 19mpg city and 26mpg Highway DVD Navigation System in Dash 8 Speaker Bose System. Selling for ONLY \$16,800 OBO. For details, email hnzjason@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Toyota 4Runner. Please contact 080-3504-9170 for a test drive JCI until April 09 asking \$1500. Please call 801-983-0652 or email a192chico@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Mark II For sale \$2200 OBO JCI good until Mar. Great car has 100K in excellent condition. Has A/C, Power Steering, CD player, Connections for Subwoofer plenty of Trunk space. JCI good until March 2011, Road Tax paid on 16 April 2009. Asking \$2200 OBO. If interested gives me a call at 904-229-0417 or emails me at Docious78@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Red Toyota Celica for sale. Very clean and well-maintained by non-smoking owner 103,000 Km (64,000 miles), automatic transmission, A/C, power windows and AM/FM/CD/cassette Stereo JCI good until May 2011 and 2009 Road Tax just paid. Portable GPS included (US & Japanese maps). Asking \$2500. Please call 313-347-0283 or email nicole.avci@yokota.af.mil

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Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Soarer w/sunroof Cold AC, CD player and navigation system with 4 inch screen. Power steering, automatic transmission, auto windows/doors, Clean inside and out, JCI until June 2010 totally worth the price a steal at \$2500. Please call Antonio or Chiquita at 904-229-0417 or e-mail at Docious78@yahoo.com or chiquitatmack@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 green Toyota Windom \$1700 1yr JCI nice, clean, 4 door sedan V-6, runs great. Automatic transmission Keyless entry Power locks, power windows, power seats. Working AC and heater large trunk CD player, cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid, JCI due April 2010. Non smoker Please call or email to see 404-476-4605 Asking \$1700

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Odyssey Great reliable family car. Just JCI'd, AWD, Moon roof, sunroof, TV, 6Disc CD changer, and many other extras JCI due Jan 2011 JCI expire 30 Jan. 2011 Please call 14073731349 or email tadtongshake@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Red Ford Explorer Great Condition! Clean interior! Disc Changer! PWR Locks! PWR Windows! Runs Good! 4WD/2WD Off-Road! Tires! Gray Interior! Keyless Entry! Keyless starter Viper Alarm JCI till Sept 2010 asking \$1800 Call 225-4145 or 080-3500-0978 or email jorel.lugo@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Starlet I recently had my driving privileges suspended for 6 months so I am trying to sell this car ASAP. I just got this car last week so nothing has been done to it. It is manual 5-speed transmission. Recaro driver's seat. Razor shifter knob. Racing pedals. Clean inside and out. A/C and Heat work fine. Just needs JCI and plates. If you can't like to see the car you can contact me at 713-490-0819 or email me at ronald.i.mathews@yokota.af.mil asking \$2500 OBO

Yokosuka - 2000 Ducati 748R Yellow and White. Just off the crate from Italy. Excellent condition with few minor shipping scratches. Comes with Marchese wheels, Termignoni carbon pipes, PC III and other few performance and cosmetic mods, original stock parts, stands, AGV Valentino Helmet and Spirit racing suit if desired. Asking \$6,500 OBO. Pics available upon request at marioloveus@yahoo.com or delgadom/cvnt73.navy.mil

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Yokota, Japan - 97 Honda Wagon Lots of Extras! Low miles, runs excellent, JCI is good until 2011. Road tax just paid. Asking \$2700 Please email thepamperstamp4u@yahoo.com or call 210-547-9918

Yokota, Japan - 98 Honda Inspire 111K mileage Self-adjusting automatic timing belt tension on the VTEC 2.5 engine. In dash Navigator/Television and CD player. Custom wheels, double airbags, rear spoiler (lighted), Road Tax already paid and JCI due in November of 2009. Asking \$2400.00. Click here for bigger photo: http://i4.photobucket.com/albums/y117/Krowdon/car/1998hondainspire1.jpg Please call 080-6664-1034 or email krowdon.graphics@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Largo Van on the Cheap! Brown/Tran Largo van - Must go PCS in a couple of weeks. Good condition. A/C and heat work well. Requires JCI in May and road tax very flexible on price asking \$500 OBO Please call 216-619-8497 or email eliott.boatan@yokota.af.mil

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Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Peg Perego Aria Twin Light Weight Stroller - side-by-side stroller folds easily and compactly; great for toddler and infant or twins; stroller weighs 14lbs; spacious basket under stroller; removable, hand-washable upholstery; handle for carrying when folded; asking \$50 OBO. Call Sarah at 264-7193.

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Yokota, Japan - KOLCRAFT TINY STEP 2-IN-1 WALKER Bought in the states while on vacations only used it a few times. I still have the box for it. Asking \$40 Please email sharonn4college@yahoo.com

Books 250

Yokota, Japan - UMUC Psychology and Criminal Justice Books Books are still in great condition some were purchased new. Email me for pictures Psychology 357 Adult development and aging 5th edition- Author William Hoyer, Paul Rodin \$80.00. Psychology 361 Psychology: Applied to work 8th edition- Author Paul Muchinsky, \$60.00. Psychology 315-Motivation: Biology, Physiology and environmental 2nd edition-Author Lambert Dickers, \$25.00. Criminal Justice 360-Crime Victims: Intro to Victimology 6th edition-Author Larry J. Siegel-\$80.00. Please call 1-240-845-5308 or email annaviscosky44@yahoo.com

Cellular Phones 280

Yokota, Japan - I'm selling two Softbank cell phones, all you have to do is put your sim cards in the phones. I own a Pantone 8125H, which is metallic blue it has a few scratches, but nothing serious. And I own a 7075C, which is blue. This phone is in great condition. I'm PCSing soon, so I'm trying to get rid of the phones. The 8125H is being sold for \$35. The 7075C is being sold for \$35. Please email jessicaoules13@hotmail.com

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Purple dress size 14 I never wore this dress, the person who gave it to me never wore it either. It does not accent my shape the way I want it to. Beautiful dress though! Asking \$15 OBO Call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Size 18-20 Black leather jacket! Lightly worn \$200 jacket I lost weight I no longer want the jacket. Asking \$80 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - Dining room table we are PCSing and getting new furniture. The table is a dark glass rectangle shape with 4 black chairs. Please call for info. Asking \$100 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email aiaiskittiez@astarte.com

Yokota, Japan - Large living room sofa for sale great condition. Light brown/gold velvet is compatible with many color schemes. Attractive design, buyer arranges to move the sofa. Asking \$100 OBO Please call 225-4711

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Furniture 510

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Household Items 560

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Home Electronics 570

Sasebo - Selling specialized Nintendo Wii, like new. Comes with multiple games, Guitar Hero and Rock Band full-band kits (rarities) with perfectly sensitive drums. Has INCREDIBLE amount of DLC. Asking \$710, will negotiate! E-mail sthecomibookguru@yahoo.com

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Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Madden 09! Purchased brand new, and honestly played it about 5 times. Not one of my favorites. I am willing to trade! Asking \$30 Please 2108814389

Yokota, Japan - Nintendo Wii for sale! Like New - Includes Wii Sports. Love the Wii, but not enough time to play it! Include original packaging and Wii Sports. \$200 and it's all yours! Please call 813-200-9377 or email uddbean@gmail.com

Zama - 32" Toshiba television. Excellent picture and color. Excellent condition. Working remote. Big TV. Great price \$250.00/OBO. Will deliver to SHA or Camp Zama for FREE! 267-6620 or email danazdesignz@yahoo.com

Jewelry 610

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Pets 820

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Circus: Little rest in 2nd-round series

CIRCUS, FROM BACK PAGE

in 11 years after finishing second in the conference this season.

"I remember [telling] Alex when he first came over, his first day, I said we are going to be really bad, really bad, [but] we're going to be good, and then we're going to be great," Capitals owner Ted Leonsis said.

Whether the Capitals reach such a status this season may well depend on how they do in this compact series. There are no two-day breaks and the teams, if necessary, will play Game 4 (in Pittsburgh) and Game 5 (in Washington) on successive days.

The Caps' success or failure also may ride on rookie goaltender Simeon Varlamov, 21, who started only five games during the season before replacing Jose Theodore two games into the series with the Rangers. Varlamov responded by going 4-2 with a 1.17 goals-against average.

However, shutting down the Rangers, who scored the third-fewest goals during the season, is much different from controlling the Penguins and two of the league's top three scorers.

"Young goaltenders, they can ride that youth, that energy and have big games and big saves," Bylsma said. "We're going to do our best to try to give him some different looks, some second chances, some pucks that are east-west around the net and see if we can't break him down."

To date, neither team has succeeded in shutting down the other. Ovechkin has 10 goals and 11 assists in 16 games against Pittsburgh. Malkin has six goals and 11 assists in 12 games and Crosby has eight goals and 18 assists in 15 games against Washington.

A circus, indeed.

AP Sports Writer Joseph White in Washington contributed to this report.

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston 4, Montreal 0
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Boston 5, Montreal 1
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Boston 4, Montreal 1
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3
N.Y. Rangers 1, Washington 0
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3
New Jersey 4, Carolina 1
Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT
New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3
New Jersey 1, Carolina 0
Carolina 4, New Jersey 0
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Anaheim 4, San Jose 2
Anaheim 2, San Jose 0
Anaheim 3, San Jose 2
San Jose 4, Anaheim 3
Anaheim 4, San Jose 0
San Jose 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Anaheim 4, San Jose 1
Detroit 4, Columbus 0
Detroit 4, Columbus 1
Detroit 4, Columbus 0
Detroit 4, Columbus 1
Detroit 6, Columbus 5
Vancouver 4, St. Louis 0
Vancouver 2, St. Louis 1
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 0
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Chicago 4, Calgary 2
Chicago 3, Calgary 2
Calgary 4, Chicago 2

Calgary 6, Chicago 4
Chicago 5, Calgary 1
Chicago 4, Calgary 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston vs. Carolina
Friday: Carolina at Boston
Sunday: Carolina at Boston
Wednesday: Boston at Carolina
Friday, May 8: Boston at Carolina
Sunday, May 10: Carolina at Boston*
Tuesday, May 12: Boston at Carolina*
Thursday, May 14: Carolina at Boston*

Washington vs. Pittsburgh
Saturday: Pittsburgh at Washington
Monday: Pittsburgh at Washington
Wednesday: Washington at Pittsburgh
Friday, May 8: Washington at Pittsburgh
Saturday, May 9: Pittsburgh at Washington*
Monday, May 11: Washington at Pittsburgh*

Wednesday, May 13: Pittsburgh at Washington*

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Anaheim

Friday: Anaheim at Detroit
Sunday: Anaheim at Detroit
Tuesday: Detroit at Anaheim
Thursday, May 7: Detroit at Anaheim
Sunday, May 10: Anaheim at Detroit, 5 p.m.*
Tuesday, May 12: Detroit at Anaheim*
Thursday, May 14: Anaheim at Detroit*

Vancouver vs. Chicago
Thursday: Chicago at Vancouver
Saturday: Chicago at Vancouver
Tuesday: Vancouver at Chicago
Thursday, May 7: Vancouver at Chicago

Saturday, May 9: Chicago at Vancouver*

Monday, May 11: Vancouver at Chicago*

Thursday, May 14: Chicago at Vancouver*

*- if necessary

High school roundup

Lay wins OAC district golf title

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Zachary Lay didn't look like a guy who'd just won the Okinawa Activities Council district golf championship.

"Absolutely terrible," the Kadena junior said after walking off the 18th green following a triple-bogey, including a one-stroke penalty for grazing the ball on a practice swing.

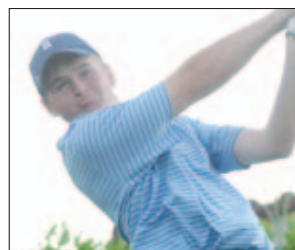
Thankfully for Lay, a deft touch that led to birdies on Nos. 9 and 12 helped him hold off a charge by Panthers sophomore teammate Reid Henderson for a two-stroke victory after Thursday's second of two rounds. Lay carded an 88 following Tuesday's 80. Henderson shot 88 and 82 for a 170.

Lay and Henderson helped Kadena beat Kubasaki 1,599-1,763 to regain the island team title it lost to Kubasaki last year. It's the Panthers' second island championship in the past three years.

"He's worked a lot on his swing, mechanics and attitude," Kubasaki coach Bob Driggs said of Lay, who finished fourth in this event last year. "He and Reid, they feed off each other. They complement and work with each other well."

Playing year-round, with their fathers and their colleagues, helps the two "get the social side of golf. It's a life sport," Driggs said.

The two-day event was played in gusty wind and bright sunshine that baked the fairways and greens as hard as cement in some places.



Zachary Lay

"Everything is bone dry," Lay said. "All this mud dried up, makes it even harder."

On a 6,300-yard, par-69 Awase Meadows Golf Course layout that Lay says gives him a "mental block," Nos. 9 and 12 proved to be his salvation.

He stuck the tee shot within 10 feet of the cup at No. 9 for a birdie that helped him make the turn at 8-over 44.

"I've birdied that hole and stuck the tee shot 10 feet or closer the last three times I've played that hole," Lay said.

While the ninth was relatively flat, the 257-yard, par-4 12th hole required a precision tee shot to the green or past it, or the player risks landing at the bottom of a vast gully, staring up at an approach resembling three giant grassy stair steps.

"It's a crazy hole," Lay said.

Lay drove just off the right side of the green, but within striking distance. He got up and down in two for birdie, giving him a four-shot lead with six holes left.

It was just enough, as Lay bogeyed the 365-yard, par-4 No.

17 while Henderson made par, then barely averted disaster on 18.

"My putting was better today," Henderson said. "I just got into trouble on some holes. I three-putted on 1. Fourteen hurt me, and so did eight."

Kadena wins seventh straight OAC girls softball title

CHIBANA RECREATION AREA — Unlike the previous six island championships, this year's 2009 Okinawa Activities Council district girls softball title held a special caveat:

This was the first Kadena team to win both the island title and the DODDS-Japan tournament championship, winning the latter earlier this month at Naval Air Facility Atsugi.

"It's fabulous. I'm very proud of the girls. It's beyond words. This is awesome," coach Jesse Costa said after Kadena edged Kubasaki 9-6 to sweep the best-of-three series 2-0.

Mary Schweers pitched a complete game, giving up two earned runs and five hits with four walks and two strikeouts. Shannon Scott and Abigail Shapiro-Kinghorn each knocked in runs in a three-run third inning and Jennifer Jones and Domonique Holcomb did the same in the fifth.

Carrie Thompson-Davis was the losing pitcher in her Dragons swan song, allowing five earned runs and 12 hits with three walks and four strikeouts in six innings. She is to attend Texas A&M in the fall.

High school scoreboard

Okinawa

Baseball

Wednesday's summary
Naha Spirit 8, Kubasaki 2
At Camp Foster

Naha 030 302 0-8 5 3
Kubasaki 001 100 0-2 9 5
L-Wataru Smiley, 3 2/3 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 6 BB, 3 SO. Barring-Kubasaki, Mikael Barge 2-for-4, RBI; Josh Jones 2-for-3, R; Brandon Richardson 2-for-3, R, 3 SB; Wataru Smiley RBI, 2 SB.

Softball

Okinawa Activities Council District

At Chibana Recreation Area

Thursday's summary

Kadena 9, Kubasaki 6

Kubasaki 301 200 0-6 5
Kadena 313 020 x-9 12
W-Mary Schweers, 7 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 SO. L-Carrie Thompson-Davis, 6 IP, 12 H, 9 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 4 SO. Barring-Kadena, Jennifer Jones 3-for-4, Karol Whitfield 3-for-3, Melanie Moore 2-for-4, Shannon

Scott 2-for-4. Kubasaki, Carrie Thompson-Davis 2-for-4, Bri Davis 2-for-4. Note-worthy-Host Panthers captured seventh straight Okinawa Activities Council district girls softball title, sweeping Dragons 2-0 in the best-of-three series.

Okinawa Activities Council District Championship

At Awase Meadows Golf Course

Camp Foster

Par-69, 6,300-yards

Team scores

1, Kadena, 1,599; 2, Kubasaki, 1,763.

Individual results

Zach Lay, Kadena 80-88-168
Reid Henderson, Kadena 88-82-170
Scott Wood, Kubasaki 93-89-182
Jordan Elle, Kadena 95-95-190
Derek White, Kadena 96-104-200
Roman Harris, Kadena 109-99-208
Martin Davidas, Kadena 105-105-210
Dakota Ratliff, Kubasaki 107-104-211
Geoffrey Michne, Kubasaki 108-104-212
Nathan Taag, Kubasaki 114-103-217
Khalil Belden, Kadena 115-107-222
N.Watson-J.Fowler, Kubasaki 113-111-224

Jaaron White, Kadena 118-113-231
Josh Rankin, Kubasaki 118-114-232
Chris Paul, Kubasaki 125-116-241
M.Bunch-C.Rankin, Kubasaki 120-125-245

Japan

Boys soccer

Thursday's summaries

Christian Academy In Japan 6, Nile C. Kinnick 2

At Yokosuka Naval Base

Halftime-4-1

Goals-CAJ: Leo Kobayashi 4 (15), Ryo Fuseya 1 (3), Yusuke Miyoshi 1 (1); Kinnick, David Bailey 1 (9), David Krievs 1 (8). **Assists-CAJ:** Josiah Trim 2 (10), Ryo Fuseya 1, Leo Kobayashi 1.

Girls soccer

Thursday's summary

American School in Japan 2, Nile C. Kinnick 0

At Tokyo

Halftime-1-0

Goals-ASIJ: Laura Ingulsrud 1 (13), Ivie Myntti 1 (4). **Assists-ASIJ:** Roxanne Clement 1, Jamie Cass 1.

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Saturday
AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—MLB: Florida at Chicago Cubs.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Anaheim at Detroit, Game 1.
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference quarterfinal, Atlanta at Miami, Game 6.
AFN-Xtra, 10:30 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Carolina at Boston, Game 1 (joined in progress).
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: San Diego at L.A. Dodgers.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference quarterfinal, Atlanta at Miami, Game 6 (dld).

Sunday
AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Pittsburgh at Washington, Game 1.
AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Lipton Tea 250 at Richmond, Va. (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4:30 a.m.—MLB: N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia.
AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.—MLB: Cleveland at Detroit (joined in progress).
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.—Horse racing: 135th Kentucky Derby at Louisville, Ky.
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference quarterfinal, Chicago at Boston or Philadelphia at Orlando, Game 7, if necessary; or conference semifinal, teams to be determined, Game 1.
AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Richmond 400 at Richmond, Va.
AFN-Atlantic, 10 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Chicago at Vancouver, Game 1.
AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference quarterfinal, Chicago at Portland, Game 7, if necessary; or Western Conference semifinal, teams to be determined, Game 1.
AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.—MLS: FC Dallas at D.C. (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference quarterfinal, Chicago at Boston or Philadelphia at Orlando, Game 7, if necessary; or conference semifinal, teams to be determined, Game 1 (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Chicago at Vancouver, Game 1 (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 6:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference quarterfinal, Houston at Portland, Game 7, if necessary; or Western Conference semifinal, teams to be determined, Game 1 (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—Horse racing: 135th Kentucky Derby at Louisville, Ky. (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 9 p.m.—MLB: Houston at Atlanta (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro soccer

MLS						
Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	3	2	2	11	9	9
Chicago	2	0	4	10	12	9
Kansas City	3	3	1	10	9	8
D.C. United	2	1	9	9	9	8
New England	2	1	2	8	5	9
New York	1	4	2	5	5	9
Columbus	0	2	4	4	7	11
Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chivas USA	5	1	1	16	10	3
Seattle FC	4	2	2	12	9	7
Real Salt Lake	3	2	0	9	12	6
Colorado	2	2	2	8	8	8
San Jose	1	3	2	5	7	11
Houston	1	2	2	5	4	5
Los Angeles	0	1	4	4	6	7
FC Dallas	0	4	1	4	6	12
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						
Saturday's games						
Columbus at Toronto FC						
FC Dallas at D.C. United						
Seattle FC at Chicago						
Real Salt Lake at Colorado						
New York at Los Angeles						
Chivas USA at San Jose						
Sunday's game						
Houston at New England						
Wednesday, May 6						
D.C. United at Kansas City						
Los Angeles at Real Salt Lake						

WPS						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	3	0	1	10	5	0
Chicago	2	0	2	8	6	7
Boston	1	2	1	4	6	7
FC Gold Pride	1	2	1	4	6	7
Washington	1	2	1	4	6	9
Sky Blue FC	0	1	2	2	1	3
Saint Louis	0	2	1	1	0	3
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						
Saturday's game						
Los Angeles at Boston						
Sunday's games						
Saint Louis at Washington						
Sky Blue FC at FC Gold Pride						
Saturday, May 9						
FC Gold Pride at Saint Louis						

College baseball

Wednesday's scores
EAST
Amherst 16, Springfield 4
Assumption 8, St. Anselm 7
Bates 8-4, Maine-Presque Isle 3-3
Boston College 3, Dartmouth 0
Bowdoin 6, Brandeis 5
Bridgeport 2, Mercy, N.Y. 0
Brown 7-2, Bryant 3-1
Centenary, N.J. 5, FDU-Florham 4
Coast Guard 5, Mitchell 4
Connecticut 9, Cent. Connecticut St. 7
Cornell 9, Princeton 0
Cortland St. 12, Utica 4
C.W. Post 5, Queens College 2
Delaware Valley 7, Chestnut Hill 6
DeSales 13, Moravian 4
Dowling 8, Adelphi 2
E. Connecticut 11, Wheaton, Mass. 0
Geneva 8-3, Gannon 4-4
Gettysburg 13, Juniata 4
Hilbert 5, Brockport 3
Iona 9, Wagner 8
Ithaca 3, Oneonta 2
John Jay 17-0, Yeshiva 1-5
Kent St. 14-13, Duquesne 12-0
Lafayette 10, Temple 6
Maine 10, Holy Cross 4
Manhattan 15, Albany, N.Y. 13
Mass-Dartmouth 8, Johnson & Wales, R.I. 2
MIT 14, Fisher 6
Merchant Marine 14, St. Joseph's, N.Y. 1, 7 innings, 10-run rule
Merrimack 7, Stonehill 3
Molloy 7, Felician 1
Monmouth, N.J. 6, Rutgers 4
Montclair St. 9, York, Pa. 5
Mount St. Vincent 12, Mount St. Mary, N.Y. 8, 11 innings
Neumann 11, Haverford 6
N.J. Tech 10, Saint Joseph's 7
N.Y. Tech 6, Hofstra 5
Pace 7, Caldwell 2
Penn. St. 9, La Salle 3
Penn St.-Behrend 11, Fredonia St. 8
Philadelphia U. 6, Sciences, Pa. 1
Plattsburgh 9-4, St. Michael's 4-6
Plymouth St. 17, Becker 10
Post, Conn. 6, New Haven 3
RPI 15, Williams 3
Rhode Island Coll. 15, Babson 11
Rochester 5, St. John Fisher 4
Rochester Tech 11-18, Dickinson 3-1
St. John's 12, Fairleigh Dickinson 9
St. Joseph's, L.I. 8, Purchase 2
St. Joseph's, Maine 8, 5, Maine 7
St. Thomas Aquinas 2, Dominican, N.Y. 0
Seton Hall 6, St. Peter's 5, 11 innings
Siena 7, Rhode Island 6
Stevens Tech 15, Vassar 8
Stony Brook 14, Fairfield 6
Union, N.Y. 16, Hamilton 13, 11 innings
Vermont 10, Massachusetts 4
SOUTH
Alabama 14, South Alabama 3
Auburn 13, Troy 8
Barry 15, St. Thomas, Fla. 4
Belmont Abbey 3-8, Lenoir-Rhyne 2-0
Castal Carolina 17, Wake Forest 5
Gardner-Webb 16, N. Carolina A&T 4
Georgia College 2, Columbus St. 1
Houston 6, McNeese St. 3
Kennesaw St. 13-6, Ga. Southern 10-12
Jacksonville 3, Bethune-Cookman 2, 10 innings
Jacksonville St. 16, Georgia 8
James Madison 8, VMI 5
LSU 13, Tulane 2, 7 innings, 10-run rule
Loyola NO 13, Tougaloo 1
Maryland 8, West Virginia 7
Middle Tennessee 18, Austin Peay 13
Mississippi 22, Ark.-Pine Bluff 2
Murray St. 12, Belmont 3
Nicholls St. 11, New Orleans 5
Northwestern St. 7, Louisiana-Lafayette 10
Rider 13, George Mason 6
St. Leo 12, Weber International 9
Salisbury 12, Washington, Md. 3
Samford 7, Alabama A&M 3
South Florida 9, UCF 3
SE Louisiana 20, Jackson St. 6
Stetson 7, Fla. International 3
Boxing
Fight schedule
May 1
At Chumash Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif., Luis Carlos Abregu, Argentina, vs. Irving Garcia, Puerto Rico, 10, welterweights; Vernon Forrest, Atlanta, vs. Jason LeHoullier, Portland, Me., 10, middleweights.
May 2
At Bremen, Germany, Anselmo Moreno, Panama, vs. Vladimir Sidorenko, Germany, 12, for Moreno's WBA bantamweight title.
At the MGM Grand Garden, Las Vegas, Ricky Hatten, Britain, vs. Manny Pacquiao, Philippines, 12, for Hatten's IBO junior welterweight title; Humberto Soto, Mexico, vs. Benoit Gaudet, Canada, 12, for Soto's WBC super featherweight title; James Kirkland, Austin, Tex., vs. Michael Walker, Chicago, 10, junior middleweights.

Boxing

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Tennis

Porsche Grand Prix
Wednesday
At Porsche-Arena
Stuttgart, Germany
Purse: \$700,000 (Premier)
Surface: Clay-Indoor
Singles
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Alize Cornet, France, 6-3, 6-1.
Jelena Jankovic (3), Serbia, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 6-2, 6-0.
Nadia Petrova, Russia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.
Savine Lisicki, Germany, def. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-3.
Second Round
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Victoria Azarenka (4), Belarus, 6-4, 6-3.
Thursday
Elena Dementieva (2), Russia, def. Agnes Szavay, Hungary, 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Marion Bartoli, France, def. Caroline Wozniacki (7), Denmark, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Rome Masters
Wednesday
At Foro Italico
Rome
Purse: \$3.64 million (WTT1000)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Richard Gasquet, France, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (9), France, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Radek Stepanek (16), Czech Republic, def. Florent Serra, France, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 7-5.
Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. David Ferrer (11), Spain, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6.
Second Round
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-2, 6-3.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Andy Murray (4), Britain, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Fernando Verdasco (6), Spain, def. Mardy Fish, United States, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Nikolay Davydenko (7), Ukraine, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
Stanislav Wawrinka (10), Switzerland, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Fernando Gonzalez (12), Chile, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
Tommy Robredo (13), Spain, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Marin Cilic (15), Croatia, def. Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.
Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Victor Crivoi, Romania, 6-1, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Gilles Simon (8), France, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-3.
Richard Gasquet, France, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.
Radek Stepanek (16), Czech Republic, def. Feleiciano Lopez , Spain, 6-2, 6-1.
Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Paul-Henry Mathieu , France, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-0.
Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.
Thursday
Third Round
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Marin Cilic (15), Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.
Fernando Gonzalez (12), Chile, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Tommy Robredo (13), Spain, 6-1, 6-1.
Grand Prix SAR
Wednesday
At Royal Tennis Club de Fes
Fes, Morocco
Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round
Anabel Medina Garrigues (1), Spain, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 1-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Lourdes Domínguez Lino, Spain, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Melinda Cizik, Hungary, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (3), Russia, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-3.
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Shahar Peer (8), Israel, 6-4, 6-1.
Ekaterina Makarova (6), Russia, def. Akiko Morigami, Japan, 6-0, 6-1.
Marta Domachowska, Poland, def. Eva Fernandez-Brugues, Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
Alisa Kleybanova (2), Russia, def. Jarmila Groth, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-1.
Thursday
Quarterfinals
Alisa Kleybanova (2), Russia, def. Polona Herczeg, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-4.
Ekaterina Makarova (6), Russia, def. Marta Domachowska, Poland, 6-4, 6-4.

Deals

Wednesday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Waived RHP Mike MacDougal.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed DH Travis Hafner on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Rich Ruidles from Columbus (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed INF Normar Garciaparra and INF Mark Ellis on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Eric Patterson from Sacramento (PCL). Purchased the contract of RHP Kevin Cameron from Sacramento. Transferred RHP Justin Duchscherer to the 60-day DL.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed INF Jeff Baker on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 27. Recalled OF Matt Murton from Colorado Springs (PCL).
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Tom Garity senior vice president-sponsorship and ticket sales.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed C Mike Rivera on the 15-day DL.
NEW YORK METS—Announced LHP Casey Fossum cleared waivers and elected free agency.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Acquired RHP Logan Kensing from the Florida Marlins for RHP Kyle Gunderson. Activated SS Cristian Guzman from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Alberto Gonzalez and RHP Jason Bergmann to Syracuse (IL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Suspended Orlando C Dwight Howard one game for elbowing Philadelphia C Samuel Dalembert in the head during an April 28 game.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Nick Greisen. Waived FB Andrew Pinnock.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Re-signed LB Freddy Keiaho.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released OT Charles Spencer and FB Anthony Co-trone.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB B. Russell.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released DT Hollis Thomas.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Claimed CB Brandon Sumrall off waivers from Indianapolis. Waived Sumrall after he failed a physical.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled F Bryan Bickell, F Evan Brophey, F Jacob Dowell, F Pascal Pelletier, F Jack Skille, D Jordan Hendry, G Corey Crawford and G Antti Niemi from Rockford (AHL).
LACROSSE
Major League Lacrosse
CHICAGO MACHINE—Claimed M Pat Hogan from the league player pool. Placed A David Mitchell on waivers.
ANDERSON, S.C.—Named Craig Mosqueda women's volleyball coach.
APPALACHIAN STATE—Named Buzz Peterson men's basketball coach.
ARIZONA—Announced sophomore men's basketball G Zane Johnson will transfer.
ARKANSAS TECH—Announced the resignation of baseball coach Billy Goss. Named Wes McCrotty interim baseball coach.
DOMINICAN, CALIFORNIA—Named Terz Tumey athletic director.
ELON—Named Justin Gainey men's assistant basketball coach.
HIGH POINT—Named Mike Balado men's assistant basketball coach.
INDIANA—Dismissed senior WR Kellen Lewis from the football team for an undisclosed violation of team rules.
INDIANA STATE—Announced QB Chris Stutzinger transferred from Wyoming.
NEBRASKA—Announced sophomore QB Patrick Witt decided to transfer to Yale.
OKLAHOMA CITY—Named Quinn Wooldridge men's assistant basketball coach and Chris Ward assistant cross country and track and field coach.
UNC-GREENSBORO—Named Daren Burns assistant wrestling coach, effective 7/1.
WHEATON, ILLINOIS—Named Mike Schauer men's basketball coach.

Golf

Spanish Open
GIRONA, Spain — Scores Thursday in the Spanish Open, a \$2.6 million PGA European Tour event played at the 6,809-yard, par-72 PGA Golf de Catalunya course:
First Round
Soren Hansen, Demarmk 33-30—63
Thomas Levett, France 32-32—64
Jose Manuel Lara, Spain 32-33—65
Callum Macaulay, Scotland 32-33—65
Jarmo Sandelin, Sweden 33-33—66
Chris Wood, England 31-35—66
Alejandro Canizares 33-34—67
Luis Claverie, Spain 34-33—67
Jean-Are Larsen, Norway 33-34—67
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa 35-32—67
Marcel Siem, Germany 33-34—67
Scott Barr, Australia 35-33—68
David Drysdale, Scotland 32-35—68
Gregory Havret, France 34-34—68
Paul Lawrie, Scotland 35-33—68
Peter Lawrie, Ireland 32-36—68
Jose Filipe-Lima, Portugal 34-34—68
Jean Francois Lucquin, France 34-34—68
Pablo Martin, Spain 35-33—68
Gary Orr, Scotland 35-33—68
Iain Pym, England 35-33—68

NBA scoreboard

Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 4, Detroit 0

Cleveland 102, Detroit 84

Cleveland 94, Detroit 82

Cleveland 79, Detroit 68

Cleveland 99, Detroit 78

Boston vs. Chicago

Chicago 105, Boston 103, OT

Boston 118, Chicago 115

Boston 107, Chicago 86

Chicago 121, Boston 118, 2OT

Tuesday: Boston 106, Chicago 104, OT.

Boston leads series 3-2

Thursday: Boston at Chicago

Saturday: Boston at Boston*

Orlando vs. Philadelphia

Philadelphia 100, Orlando 98

Orlando 96, Philadelphia 87

Philadelphia 96, Orlando 94

Orlando 84, Philadelphia 81

Tuesday: Orlando 91, Philadelphia 78.

Orlando leads series 3-2

Thursday: Orlando at Philadelphia

Saturday: Philadelphia at Orlando*

Atlanta vs. Miami

Atlanta 90, Miami 64

Miami 108, Atlanta 93

Miami 107, Atlanta 78

Atlanta 81, Miami 71

Wednesday: Atlanta 106, Miami 91, At-

lanta leads series 3-2

Friday: Atlanta at Miami

Sunday: Miami at Atlanta*

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. Lakers 4, Utah 1

L.A. Lakers 113, Utah 100

L.A. Lakers 119, Utah 109

Utah 88, L.A. Lakers 86

L.A. Lakers 108, Utah 94

L.A. Lakers 107, Utah 96

Denver vs. New Orleans

Denver 113, New Orleans 84

Denver 108, New Orleans 93

New Orleans 95, Denver 93

Denver 121, New Orleans 63

Wednesday: Denver 107, New Orleans

86, Denver wins series 4-1

Dallas 4, San Antonio 1

Dallas 105, San Antonio 97

San Antonio 105, Dallas 84

Dallas 88, San Antonio 67

Dallas 99, San Antonio 90

Dallas 106, San Antonio 93

Portland vs. Houston

Houston 106, Portland 81

Portland 107, Houston 103

Houston 86, Portland 83

Houston 89, Portland 88

Tuesday: Portland 88, Houston 77.

Houston leads series 3-2

Thursday: Portland at Houston

Saturday: Houston at Portland*

*if necessary

Wednesday

Hawks 106, Heat 91

MIAMI — J-Jones 1-2 3-4 6, Haslem 4-6 3-4 11, O'Neal 6-11 2-4 14, Chalmers 3-7 0-7 7, Wade 19-13 23, Cook 1-4 0-2, Quinn 1-1 0-2, Beasley 5-12 7-18, Magloire 0-1 0-0 0, Diawara 1-2 0-2 2, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-65 25-32 91.

ATLANTA — Evans 4-9 1-2 10, Smith 6-16 7-9 20, Horford 1-1 1-2 3, Bibby 6-9 4-4 17, Johnson 6-15 12-15 25, Pachulia 1-2 4-4 6, Murray 9-15 4-5 23, S-Jones 1-1 0-0 2, West 0-0 0-0 0, Law 0-1 0-0 0, Morris 0-1 0-0 0, Gardner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-70 33-41 106.

MIAMI 20 20 30 21—91

Atlanta 24 39 22 21—106

Three-Point Goals—Miami 4-12

(J-Jones 1-2, Wade 1-2, Beasley 1-2,

Chalmers 1-3, Diawara 0-1, Cook 0-2),

Atlanta 5-19 (Bibby 1-2, Smith 1-2, John-

son 1-4, Murray 1-5, Evans 1-5, Law 0-1),

Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami

39 (Haslem 8), Atlanta 46 (Smith 8). As-

sists—Miami 17 (Chalmers 6), Atlanta

23 (Johnson 6). Total Fouls—Miami 24,

Atlanta 24. Technicals—Magloire, Wade,

Miami defensive three-second, S-Jones,

Smith, Flagrant Foul—Wade. A—19,051

(18,729).

Nuggets 107, Hornets 86

NEW ORLEANS — Stojakovic 5-12 1-1 12, West 8-16 8-8 24, Armstrong 2-3 3-6 7, Paul 5-16 1-3 12, Butler 3-11 1-1 7, Marks 1-2 2-4, Posey 5-13 7-7 18, Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Daniels 0-1 2-2 2, Bowen 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-76 25-30 86.

DENVER — Anthony 13-25 7-7 34, Martin 7-9 0-0 15, Nene 3-5 4-6 10, Billups 3-9 4-4 13, Jones 1-4 2-2 4, Andersen 3-5 3-4 9, Smith 7-12 2-2 20, Carter 0-2 0-0 0, Petro 0-0 2-2 2, Hart 0-0 0-0 0, Balkman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-72 23-27 107.

New Orleans 27 22 17 20—86

Denver 24 25 31 27—107

Three-Point Goals—New Orleans 3-20

(Paul 1-3, Stojakovic 1-6, Posey 1-6, Dani-

els 0-1, Butler 0-0), Denver 10-23 (Smith

5-8, Billups 3-6, Martin 1-2, Anthony 1-

3, Carter 0-1, Balkman 0-1, Jones 0-2),

Fouled Out—Armstrong, Rebounds—New

Orleans 42 (West 9), Denver 49 (Ande-

rson, Nene, Martin 7). Assists—New Or-

leans 16 (Paul 10), Denver 26 (Billups 11).

Total Fouls—New Orleans 23, Denver 24.

A—19,744 (19,155).

Calendar

May 19 — Draft lottery.

June 4 — NBA Finals start date (pos-

sible move-up to June 2).

June 15 — NBA Draft early entry en-

trant withdrawal deadline (5 p.m. EDT).

June 18 — NBA Finals latest possible

end date.

June 25 — NBA Draft.

NBA playoffs roundup

Nuggets win first series since 1994

The Associated Press

DENVER — Escaping the first round of the playoffs is new territory for Carmelo Anthony and the Denver Nuggets.

For Chauncey Billups, though, this is old hat.

He's used to leading teams to much greater heights.

With Billups leading the way and Anthony scoring a career playoff-high 34 points, the Nuggets captured their first playoff series since 1994 with a 107-86 victory over the New Orleans Hornets in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

The Nuggets next face the Dallas Mavericks, who dispatched the San Antonio Spurs in five games. The second-round series begins Sunday at the Pepsi Center.

The Mavericks will face a team that swept them in the regular season and has a newfound swagger, the result of a weighty burden being lifted.

Even Billups, impervious to pressure, was feeling the Nuggets' angst in trying to end a string of five straight first-round exits.

"It's crazy, that monkey is big on everybody's shoulders around here," said Billups, who led the Detroit Pistons to six straight Eastern Conference finals before joining the Nuggets in the Allen Iverson trade in November. "It's good to get that off, even though I haven't lost in the first round in a long time. Being around here all year, man, it's like everybody's putting all the emphasis on the first round. I shoot higher than that."

It was a momentous night for Anthony, who's had a history of flaming out in the first round with the Nuggets.

He made sure it didn't happen again, averaging 24 points in the series as he shot a blistering 47 percent from the field.

Anthony was at his best in the series clincher.

After knocking down a three-pointer late in the fourth quarter, Anthony turned toward the camera and screamed, "This is my house."

"It is my house," Anthony said, laughing. "But Chauncey moved in with me."

The house is big enough for the



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Denver guard J.R. Smith reacts after hitting a basket against the New Orleans Hornets in the fourth quarter of the Nuggets' 107-86 victory in Game 5 of their first-round series in Denver on Wednesday. The Nuggets will face the Dallas Mavericks in the next round.

hometown kid, who attended the University of Colorado in nearby Boulder after leading Denver's George Washington High School to two state titles.

Billups, an obvious fan favorite, was clutch all series as the Hornets struggled to stop him.

"Chauncey is the best thing that happened to Denver," Hornets All-Star point guard Chris Paul said. "The mind-set that he's given this team right now is something that will fuel them in the next round."

Nuggets coach George Karl couldn't agree more. He likes the way his team is buzzing along to Billups' beat, never dreaming they'd be this cohesive.

"I thought we were going to be a good team this year. I never thought we could be this good," Karl said.

With confetti flying around the arena after the final horn, the Nuggets lingered on the court for a few minutes to celebrate with the capacity crowd.

Chris Andersen flung his headband into the stands on the way out, as did J.R. Smith. Kenyon Martin was even more gracious, surrendering his shoes and walking to the dressing room in his stocking feet.

"That's just the first step," Billups said. "Our confidence is very high right now ... But [Dallas] is a lot different. They're probably

one of the hotter teams in the NBA right now."

The Hornets, meanwhile, were a banged-up bunch.

Paul was hobbled by a bum knee all series while Tyson Chandler tried to grit out an ankle injury, only to succumb and sit on the bench in Game 5.

Still, New Orleans played with pride and passion on Wednesday night and made the Nuggets nervous after a 58-point blowout loss in Game 4 that matched the NBA record. The game was tied at 62 midway through the third period before Denver went on a 24-4 run to seal it.

David West led the Hornets with 24 points and Paul finished with 12 points and 10 assists.

"We are not a 20-plus point better team than they are," said Karl. "They are much better than that."

That is, when fully healthy.

"The biggest thing is just wishing that we were all healthy, because I know we're a much better basketball team than we showed in this series," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "But I don't take anything away from Denver."

"And Chauncey, when he got over here, I knew that would be a difference for them. He has that championship pedigree."

It's definitely rubbing off.

Hawks 106, Heat 91: Host Atlanta moved closer to reaching the second round of the NBA playoffs for the first time in a decade, taking a 3-2 lead in the series with Miami.

Joe Johnson had his best game of the playoffs with 25 points, and the Hawks took control during a decisive second quarter that pushed them to a 63-40 half-time lead. Flip Murray added 23 points.

Dwyane Wade had 29 points for the Heat, but banged his head on the court in the first half and didn't really get going until the game was already decided. Wade didn't get much help from his teammates. Michael Beasley had 18 points and Jermaine O'Neal 14.

Josh Smith dunked his way to 20 points for the Hawks and even hit a rare three-pointer. The Hawks also pounded the boards, outrebounding the Heat 37-29.

Kentucky Derby notebook

Trainer Baffert focused on race, not Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Bob Baffert is so focused on preparing Pioneer of the Nile for the Kentucky Derby that his recent election to the Hall of Fame still hasn't registered.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Baffert said. "I've been so excited about this horse. To me, the Hall of Fame hasn't settled in. I haven't really accepted it."

The trainer got the welcome news in a phone call from Mike Kane, the communications of-

ficer for the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, on April 23.

"Mike called me and I was on my way to have a Mexican dinner," Baffert said. "I asked him 'Is this it? This is how it happens?' They could have sent me a strip-gram or something."

The first call Baffert made was to his parents in Arizona.

"I'm glad they're still alive to see this," Baffert said. "I'm like their little boy who became a doctor."

Baffert will be inducted Aug. 14 at the museum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Baffert bids for a fourth Derby victory with Pioneer of the Nile, the Santa Anita Derby winner listed at 4-1 on the morning line.

Baffert is one of four Hall of Fame trainers in this year's Derby, joining D. Wayne Lukas (Flying Private), Bill Mott (Hold Me Back) and Nick Zito (Nowhere to Hide).

No Win Willy: Another day, another Derby defection.

Win Willy was withdrawn Wednesday morning after X-rays revealed a potential problem in the colt's left front ankle.

It marked the third straight day the race lost a runner due to injury. On Monday, Quality Road was withdrawn with a hoof problem. Square Eddie was pulled out with a shin injury Tuesday.

Win Willy would have been a Derby long shot, following a fourth-place finish in the Arkansas Derby.

A WEEKLY LOOK **RACING STRIPES** AT MOTORSPORTS

Petty, Andretti, Indy. Enough said.

The King and a member of one of racing's top families team to hit the Brickyard

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

The King is coming to Indy. And Richard Petty is bringing an Andretti along for the ride.

Petty, Andretti. The family names alone fill pages of stock-car and IndyCar history books. Now two of the most famous names in auto racing will again be united at one of the sport's most famous tracks.

For Petty, the driver long synonymous with NASCAR, the Indianapolis 500 offers a new kind of racing style and pageantry.

More than 50 years after making his NASCAR debut, Petty will be a rookie at next month's Indianapolis 500, albeit as an owner.

"You've got to be there to really appreciate just how big a show it is," Petty said.

Petty got his first taste of the open-cockpit, 33-car field last year. The tradition and atmosphere were enough to persuade the winningest driver in NASCAR history to put on his sunglasses and black hat and get to work on entering a car in this year's race.

He's going with John Andretti behind the wheel. Andretti drove for Petty Enterprises on the Cup circuit and recorded the last victory for that team at Martinsville in 1999. Andretti is the nephew of 1969 500 winner Mario Andretti and cousin of longtime race regular Michael Andretti.

John Andretti was the first driver to compete in the Indy 500 and the Cup series' Coca-Cola 600 on the same day. IndyCar's premier race now starts later, making the double an impossi-



NASCAR great Richard Petty, left, and his driver, John Andretti, above, have their sights set on a good showing in the Indianapolis 500. Andretti is the nephew of 1969 500 winner Mario Andretti and the cousin of longtime race regular Michael Andretti.

RANIER ERHARDT, LEFT, AND MICHAEL CONROY/AP

bility for drivers. But not for an owner such as Petty, who plans to attend the races in Indianapolis and at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C.

"It's going to be easier on me than on the driver," he said.

Petty and Andretti tried to find a sponsorship deal to get them in last year's 500, but it never materialized.

They found a sponsor this year for the No. 43 car that is co-owned

with Dreyer & Reinbold Racing.

"I'd still be at Indy, but now it's special because I'm going to Indy in the 43 and I'm going to Indy with Richard," Andretti said. "In my mind, he's still the biggest name in NASCAR."

Petty is still as much a presence at Cup tracks as Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson, even though he never found the success in ownership that he did as the sport's greatest driver. He won seven

Cup titles and is the series' career leader in victories (200) and poles (127).

He also won a record seven Daytona 500s before he retired in 1992.

His stock-car commitments kept him from Indianapolis each May. But Andretti always chirped away at his boss at how special it was to race on the 2.5-mile oval. Sure, Cup racing had come to the Brickyard in the 1990s, so Petty

was familiar with the pagoda and the bricks and the history that make Indianapolis special to so many drivers.

But Indy has a different flavor in May.

"Every year that I drove the 43 in the Cup series, the month of May would come around and I'd talk about Indianapolis the whole month," Andretti said. "I think he was a little bit tired of hearing about it. Hopefully, he's going to have fun at it."

Andretti will make his 10th career Indy start, and he's never finished better than fifth (1991). He has only two career Cup victories and no top-10s this season in nine starts, and will miss points races in Darlington and Charlotte before returning at Dover. He's not anywhere near title contention, so his absences won't hurt.

Petty and Andretti say this isn't a publicity stunt. They're going to the Speedway intending to field a competitive car and go for the victory. No Andretti driver has won a race since Mario in 1969, though Michael Andretti has won as an owner.

"People have seen us together at other places, so they might as well see us in Indy," John Andretti said. "We've been to Indy before together with the roof on so now we're going to run the convertible and do it different."

Petty is calling the run at Indianapolis a "one-shot deal."

Who knows, though? A Petty-Andretti victory, or more likely a strong run, could give a boost to both their careers and make them want to take the trip to Indy for a regular run each May.

"If you're going to go," Petty said, "go for the big show."

FAST FACTS

SPRINT CUP

Race 10: Russ Friedman 400 at Richmond International Raceway 8:30 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra

Last race: Brad Keselowski won at Talladega Superspeedway after a last-lap pass that left Carl Edwards' car sailing into the frontstretch safety fence.

Last year: Clint Bowyer was a surprise winner, taking the race with a last-lap pass that put Dale Earnhardt Jr. into the wall in the third turn.

Worth noting: Kurt Busch, the 2004 Cup champion, leads the series standings for the first time since March 2005. Busch, the winner at Atlanta in March, finished sixth at Talladega — his sixth top-10 of the season — to take a five-point lead over Jeff Gordon.

Next race: Southern 500, May 9, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.



Driver to watch: Jeff Gordon has two career victories and 15 top-five finishes at Richmond. He also has 15 career victories on short tracks — just like the one at Richmond.

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through 9 of 36 races

1. Kurt Busch.....	1,299
2. Jeff Gordon.....	1,294
3. Jimmie Johnson.....	1,235
4. Tony Stewart.....	1,232
5. Denny Hamlin.....	1,190
6. Kyle Busch.....	1,124
7. Carl Edwards.....	1,119
8. Clint Bowyer.....	1,098
9. Jeff Burton.....	1,092
10. Greg Biffle.....	1,081
11. David Reutimann.....	1,077
12. Matt Kenseth.....	1,063
13. Ryan Newman.....	1,033
14. Kasey Kahne.....	1,030
15. Dale Earnhardt Jr.....	1,018
16. Juan Montoya.....	1,018
17. Brian Vickers.....	995
18. Mark Martin.....	971
19. Marcos Ambrose.....	937
20. Kevin Harvick.....	918
21. Casey Mears.....	911
22. David Stremme.....	899
23. Martin Truex Jr.....	887
24. Michael Waltrip.....	883
25. Reed Sorenson.....	881

NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: Lipton Tea 250 at Richmond, Va. (Delayed, 2 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

Next race: Diamond Hill Plywood 200, May 8, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.

Driver Standings

1. Kyle Busch.....	1,219
2. Carl Edwards.....	1,157
3. David Ragan.....	1,139

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

Last race: Mike Skinner gave football star Randy Moss his first victory as a NASCAR truck owner, winning the rain-shortened race at Kansas Speedway in a Monday finish.

Next race: North Carolina Education Lottery 200, May 15, Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

Driver Standings

1. Mike Skinner.....	801
2. Ron Hornaday Jr.....	776
3. Todd Bodine.....	744

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Brawn GP's Jensen Button won the Bahrain Grand Prix for his third victory in the first four races this season.

Next race: Spanish Grand Prix, May 10, Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain.

Driver Standings

1. Jensen Button.....	31
2. Rubens Barrichello.....	19
3. Sebastian Vettel.....	18

INDYCAR SERIES

Last race: New Zealand's Scott Dixon raced to his 17th series victory, beating Helio Castroneves by 0.71 seconds at Kansas Speedway.

Next race: Indianapolis 500, May 24, Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Driver Standings

1. Tony Kanaan.....	100
2. Ryan Briscoe.....	99
3. Dario Franchitti.....	96

NHRA

This week: O'Reilly NHRA Midwest Nationals at Madison, Ill. (8 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra).

Next event: NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals, May 15-17, Bristol Dragway, Bristol, Tenn.

Driver Standings

Top fuel	
1. Tony Schumacher.....	487
2. Antron Brown.....	448
3. Brandon Bernstein.....	425

Funny car

1. Ron Capps.....	464
2. Jack Beckman.....	395
3. Ashley Force Hood.....	394

Pro stock

1. Jeg Coughlin.....	524
2. Jason Line.....	494
3. Mike Edwards.....	461

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Sports briefs

Book: A-Rod may have doped in high school

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez refused to address allegations that he used steroids when he was a highly touted high school player and with the New York Yankees.

Rodriguez admitted in February to using performance-enhancing drugs while with the Texas Rangers but insisted he stopped before he was traded to the Yankees in 2004. He brushed off a question Thursday about details from Sports Illustrated writer Selena Roberts' upcoming book "A-Rod" that cast doubt on his earlier statements.

"I'm not going there," he said after homering in an extended spring game in Tampa, Fla. "I'm just so excited about being back on the field and playing baseball. My team has won two games (in a row) up there and hopefully I can come back and help them win some more."

The Daily News in New York reported in Thursday's editions that Roberts' book offers an unflattering portrait of the MVP slugger as a needy person who wanted his ego stroked constantly. The paper doesn't say it obtained a copy of the Harper Collins book, scheduled to be released Monday.

A high school teammate of Rodriguez told Roberts that the future No. 1 draft pick was on steroids as a prep player and his coach knew it — an allegation denied by the coach, Rich Hofman.

In the book, an unnamed major leaguer is quoted as saying Rodriguez and former Yankees pitcher Kevin Brown, who was named in the Mitchell Report on drug use in baseball, were seen together in 2005 with human growth hormone. The book also says that two anonymous Yankees said they believed Rodriguez was using banned substances based on visual side effects, and that a clubhouse staffer said management had a suspicion that the third baseman might have been juicing.

Rodriguez, rehabbing his surgically repaired hip, went 1-for-6 with two walks in the extended spring game. He had a homer to left-center in his sixth at-bat.

Former major leaguer 'Lucky' Lohrke dies at 85

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jack Lohrke, a major league infielder in the 1940s and 1950s who drew the nickname "Lucky" after several brushes with death, died Wednesday. He was 85.

Lohrke died at a hospital two days after suffering a stroke at home, said his son, John.

Lohrke batted .242 with 22 home runs and 96 RBIs in 354 games with the New York Giants and Philadelphia Phillies from 1947-53. He hit a record-breaking homer for the Giants as a rookie, and was loosening up at the Polo Grounds when Bobby Thomson launched his famous 1951 shot that won the NL pennant against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Yet what happened in Lohrke's days before baseball gave him his lifelong nickname.

Lohrke served in the Army

during World War II and fought in the D-Day invasion at Normandy and later in the Battle of the Bulge. He recounted how four soldiers — two on each side of him — were killed in combat.

In 1945, Lohrke was leaving the service when he prepared to board a military transport for the trip home to California. Shortly before takeoff, he was bumped from the flight by a higher-ranking officer. The plane crashed, and all passengers were killed.

In 1946, Lohrke and his teammates with the minor league Spokane Indians boarded a bus for a ride across the state of Washington. During a lunch stop, Lohrke got word that he'd been promoted to Triple-A San Diego, took his gear and hitchhiked home.

That night, the bus careened off a rain-slicked pass through the Cascades mountain range and plummeted into a valley, killing nine players. It remains the deadliest crash involving an American pro baseball team.

By the time he reached the majors, Lohrke was "Lucky."

On Sept. 1, 1947, he hit the Giants' 183rd homer of the season, breaking the team record of 182 set by the 1936 New York Yankees. He connected in the first game of a doubleheader, then homered in the second game, too.

Red Sox say Smoltz needs to rest a week

CLEVELAND — John Smoltz, recovering from shoulder surgery last June, will not throw batting practice Thursday, Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

"I just think it's in his best interest to slow down for a week," Francona said after the Red Sox beat Cleveland 6-5 in 10 innings Wednesday night. "That's the best way I can put it."

Smoltz, who signed with Boston in January after 20 years with Atlanta, is scheduled to rejoin the Red Sox on May 6, when they return home.

Rangers' coach says he embarrassed team, self

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — New York Rangers coach John Tortorella says he embarrassed the organization by throwing a water bottle into the crowd at Washington and being suspended by the NHL during the first-round playoff series.

Tortorella showed contrition Wednesday for the actions that forced him to miss Game 6 of New York's seven-game loss to the Capitals. "It's a bad mistake by me," Tortorella said. "I regret it. I put the New York Rangers organization in an embarrassing situation. I'm embarrassed by it. I am an intense person, which is a positive, but it also turns into a negative sometimes."

In the third period of Friday's 4-0 loss in Game 5, Tortorella got into a confrontation with a fan behind the bench. A video replay showed the coach heaving a water bottle into the crowd. Tortorella then grabbed forward Aaron Voros' stick and held it high, wav-



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Alex Rodriguez flips his bat after striking out during an extended spring game Thursday in Tampa, Fla. A new book says Rodriguez might have used steroids when he was in high school and that he was suspected of using drugs after joining the Yankees in 2004.

ing it in the fan's direction.

Magic's Lee could miss rest of NBA playoffs

PHILADELPHIA — Starting guard Courtney Lee is expected to have surgery on his fractured sinus and could miss the remainder of the NBA playoffs for the Orlando Magic.

The Magic said Thursday that Lee will be out for the rest of the team's first-round series against the Philadelphia 76ers. The Magic lead the Sixers 3-2 in the

best-of-seven series. Game 6 is Thursday night.

Lee suffered the injury after taking an inadvertent elbow to the head from teammate Dwight Howard in Game 5 on Tuesday night. Recovery is at least a week depending on the outcome of Thursday's operation. J.J. Redick will likely start in Lee's place.

Brown, Torretta, Spielman among 16 in hall of fame

NEW YORK — Heisman Trophy winners Tim Brown and Gino

Torretta, along with two-time All-American Chris Spielman, were among 16 players elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Others to be inducted by the National Football Foundation: Penn State's Curt Warner, New Mexico State's Pervis Atkins, Arizona's Chuck Cecil, Auburn's Ed Dyer, West Virginia's Major Harris, BYU's Gordon Hudson, Alabama's Woodrow Lowe, Stanford's Ken Margerum, Texas' Steve McMichael, Iowa's Larry Station, Georgia Tech's Pat Swilling and Nebraska's Grant Wistrom.

The veteran's committee selected Williams Lewis, who played center for Harvard from 1892-93. Coaches John Robinson of USC and Dick MacPherson of Syracuse will also be inducted in December.

Lawrence Phillips faces up to 25 years in prison

SAN DIEGO — Former NFL running back Lawrence Phillips will go to trial on charges that he attacked his girlfriend in 2005.

A San Diego judge ruled Wednesday that Phillips, 33, must stand trial on eight felony charges for two alleged assaults.


He could face up to 25 years in prison if convicted. Phillips currently is serving a 10-year sentence for hitting three teenagers with his car in Los Angeles.

Phillips was once one of the nation's top college players at Nebraska. The St. Louis Rams released him in 1997 and he went on to play for a number of teams.

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MLB scoreboard

American League

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	7	.667	—
Toronto	15	8	.652	3
New York	11	10	.524	3
Baltimore	9	13	.409	5½
Tampa Bay	8	14	.364	6½
Central Division				
Chicago	11	10	.524	—
Detroit	11	10	.524	—
Kansas City	11	10	.524	—
Minnesota	11	11	.500	½
Cleveland	8	14	.364	3½
West Division				
Seattle	13	9	.591	—
Texas	10	11	.476	2½
Los Angeles	9	11	.450	3
Oakland	8	11	.421	3½

Tuesday's games

Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle 1, 1st game
Cleveland 9, Boston 8
N.Y. Yankees 11, Detroit 0
L.A. Angels 7, Baltimore 5
Texas 5, Oakland 4
Minnesota 4, Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 8, Kansas City 1
Seattle 9, Chicago White Sox 1, 2nd game

Wednesday's games

L.A. Angels 3, Baltimore 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 3
Boston 6, Cleveland 5, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 8, Detroit 6
Oakland at Texas, p.p.d., rain
Minnesota 8, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 11, Toronto 3

Thursday's games

Oakland 4, Texas 2
Toronto at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees
Boston at Tampa Bay

Friday's games

Cleveland (Pavano 0-3) at Detroit (Gallruga 3-0)
L.A. Angels (Weaver 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-1)
Baltimore (Hendrickson 1-3) at Toronto (Haddad 4-1)
Boston (Masterson 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 0-3)
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 3-0) at Texas (Feldman 1-0)
Kansas City (Ponson 0-3) at Minnesota (Slowey 3-0)
Oakland (Eveland 1-1) at Seattle (Silva 1-2)

Saturday's games

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees
Baltimore at Toronto
Cleveland at Detroit
Boston at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Minnesota
Chicago White Sox at Texas
Oakland at Seattle

Wednesday
Yankees 8, Tigers 6

New York				Detroit			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	5	1	0	Grndrs cf	4	1	1
Bertha 2b	0	0	0	Orndorf rf	3	0	0
Damon lf	4	1	1	Orndorf rf	3	0	0
Gardner cf	0	0	0	McCarr 1b	3	1	1
Teixeira 1b	3	1	0	Caguillan dh	4	1	2
HMatusu dh	2	1	3	Laird c	2	0	1
Cano 2b	5	0	1	Inge 3b	3	2	1
Posada c	4	1	1	Janders lf	4	0	1
Swisher rf	5	2	4	Santiag ss	3	1	0
McCarr cf-If	5	1	1				
Pena 3b-ss	3	0	1				
Totals	36	9	8	Totals	30	6	7

New York 000 710 000-8
Detroit 001 000 005-6
E—New York 1. LOB—New York 9.
Detroit 5. 2B—Damon (2), H.Matusu (5), C.Guillan (4), Inge (3). HR—Swisher (2), Granderson (7). SB—Posada (1). CS—McCarr (1). S—Santiago. SF—Polanco, Laird.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Chamberlain W-1-0	7	3	1	1	3	6
Coke	1	0	0	0	1	1
Albaladejo	3/3	3	4	4	0	1
Ma.Rivera	1/3	1	1	1	0	0
Detroit						
Porcello L-1-3	33/3	6	6	6	3	1
Rapada	11/3	2	2	2	2	0
Zumaya	2	1	0	0	0	1
Perry	1	0	0	0	3	0
Rincon	1	0	0	0	0	0
HBP—by Chamberlain (Laird). T—2:57. A—28,348 (41,255).						

E—P—by Chamberlain (Laird). T—2:57.
A—28,348 (41,255).

Royals 11, Blue Jays 3

Toronto				Kansas City					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Scutaro ss	2	2	1	0	Crisp cf	5	1	2	0
JMCDnl ss	2	0	0	0	Deless rf	0	0	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	1	2	0	Blmgst lf	4	2	2	0
Rios rf	4	0	1	0	Teahen 3b	5	1	1	2
W.Wells cf	3	0	1	1	Guillin rf	5	4	0	0
Bautist cf	1	0	0	0	Maier rf-cf	1	0	0	0
Lind dh	3	0	0	0	Baib 1b	5	0	0	0
Rolen 3b	4	0	1	0	Callaspo dh	1	1	2	1
Ortiz 1b	4	0	0	0	Acab 2b	4	1	2	1
Barajas c	4	0	2	0	Aviles ss	3	1	2	2
Snider lf	4	0	0	0	PenaJr ph-ss	1	0	0	0
					Olivo c	4	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	8	1	Totals	101	30	15	10
Toronto					Kansas City	000	011	010	03
Kansas City						013	241	000	-11
E—Pena Jr. (1), Aviles (2). DP—Kansas City 2. LOB—Toronto 7, Kansas City 7. 2B—Scutaro (3), Barajas (7), Crisp (2), Butler (4), Jacobs (5), Callaspo (2), Aviles (3). 3B—Aviles (1), HR—Teahen (3), Butler (2).									

IP H R ER BB SO
Toronto 4 11 10 10 3 2
Kansas City 2 3 3 1 0 0
Frasor 1 0 0 0 0 0
B.Murphy 1 0 0 0 0 0
Kansas City
Greinke W-5-0 7 5 2 2 2 8
J.Wright 1 1 1 0 0 1
J.Cruz 1 2 0 0 0 0
Tallet pitched to 4 batters in the 5th.
PB—Barajas. T—2:52. A—10,619 (38,177).



JIM MONE/AP

Minnesota first baseman Justin Morneau had three hits and a walk Wednesday as the Twins beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-3.

Twins 8, Rays 3

Tampa Bay				Minnesota								
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi			
BUpion cf	4	2	1	0	Span cf	5	2	3	0			
Cwrfwd lf	4	0	2	0	BHarris ss	5	2	2	1			
Longoria 3b	5	0	1	2	Mornea 1b	4	2	2	1			
C.Pena 1b	4	0	0	0	Kubel dh	5	1	1	0			
Burrell dh	4	0	2	0	Crede 3b	5	1	1	0			
Zobrist rf-ss	4	1	2	0	Cuddydy rf	2	0	2	1			
Navarr c	4	0	1	0	DlmyYr lf	3	0	0	1			
Iwamr 2b	2	0	0	0	JMoris c	3	0	0	0			
Wayar ph-2b	2	0	0	0	ACasil 2b	4	0	0	0			
Barlett ss	2	0	0	0								
Gross rf	2	0	1	1								
Totals	37	3	10	3	Totals	35	8	12	5			
Tampa Bay				Minnesota								
	001	000	101	-3		401	300	008	-8			
E—Iwamura 2 (3). DP—Tampa Bay 1.					E—Iwamura 2 (3). DP—Tampa Bay 1.							
LOB—Tampa Bay 10, Minnesota 8.					LOB—Tampa Bay 10, Minnesota 8.							
2B—Burrell (3), Zobrist (4), Morneau (6).					2B—Burrell (3), Zobrist (4), Morneau (6).							
Crede (4). 3B—Span (1). SB—Crawford (8).					Crede (4). 3B—Span (1). SB—Crawford (8).							
SF—Delm.Young.					SF—Delm.Young.							
Tampa Bay				Minnesota								
	K	R	ER	BB	SO		K	R	ER	BB	SO	
Kazmir L-3-2	4	9	8	6	4	0	4	9	8	6	4	1
Cormier	4	3	0	0	4	0	4	3	0	0	4	1
Tampa Bay				Minnesota								
Blackburn W-2-1	7	8	2	2	1	3						
Breslow	1	1	0	0	1	1						
Ayala	1	1	1	1	1	0						
A-21-715. B-21-715. C-21-715. D-21-715. E-21-715. F-21-715. G-21-715. H-21-715. I-21-715. J-21-715. K-21-715. L-21-715. M-21-715. N-21-715. O-21-715. P-21-715. Q-21-715. R-21-715. S-21-715. T-21-715. U-21-715. V-21-715. W-21-715. X-21-715. Y-21-715. Z-21-715.												

IP H R ER BB SO
Tampa Bay 4 9 8 6 4 4
Minnesota 4 3 0 0 0 1
WP—Kazmir 2. PB—Navarro. T—2:35.
A—21,715.

Red Sox 6, Indians 5 (10)

Boston				Cleveland					
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi		
Ellisurf cf	5	0	3	1	0	0	0		
Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	Azamer cf	5	0	0		
D.Ortiz dh	5	0	1	Acacer 2b	5	1	2		
Bay lf	4	1	0	VMrtinz c	3	1	1		
Lowell 3b	5	2	2	Choo rf	4	0	0		
Varitek c	5	1	2	Garko 1b	4	0	0		
Beiley 1b	4	1	0	Peralta ss	5	0	0		
VNevry rf	4	1	2	DeRosa 3b	5	0	0		
NGreen ss	2	0	0	BFranci lf	2	1	0		
J.Drew ph	1	0	0	Shppch dh	4	1	2		
Lugo pr-ss	1	0	0						
Totals	40	10	6	Totals	36	5	8		
Boston	000	002	030 1-6	Cleveland	210	200	000 0-5		
E—Lester (1), DeRosa (4), DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Boston 9, Cleveland 11. 2B—Lowell (8), Varitek (5). 3B—V.Martinez (1), HR—Van Every (1), DeRosa (5), Shoppach (2). SB—A.Cabrera (4), B.Francisco (3). CS—Sizemore (3), B.Francisco (1). SF—Choo.									
IP				H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Lester				6	7	5	5	3	7
Ja.Lopez				1	1	0	0	0	1
Delcarmen				1	0	0	0	0	0
Okajima W-2.0				1	0	0	0	2	2
Papelon 5-6.6				1	0	0	1	1	2
Cleveland									
Carmona				6½	5	2	2	4	3
R.Perez H-2				½	0	0	0	0	1
R.Betancourt H-3				3	3	3	1	0	0
J.Lewis L-2 5-3 3-3				2½	2	1	1	0	3
Carmona (N.Green), T—3:50, A—19:17.									

IP H R ER BB SO
Boston 6 7 5 5 3 7
Cleveland 1 1 0 0 0 0
Delcarmen 1 0 0 0 2 1
Okajima W-2-0 1 0 0 0 2 2
Papelbon S-6-6 1 0 0 0 1 2
Cleveland
Carmona 6½ 5 2 2 4 3
R.Perez H-2 ½ 3 0 0 0 1
R.Betancourt H-3 ½ 3 0 0 0 0
J.Lewis L-2-3 BS-3 2½ 2 1 1 0 3
HBP—by Delcarmen (Shoppach), by Carmona (N.Green). T—3:50. A—19,137.

White Sox 6, Mariners 3

Seattle				Chicago				
	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	4	1	1	0	Lillird 2b	5	0	0
JoLopez 2b	4	1	1	0	Fields dh	3	0	0
Griffy dh	4	1	1	2	Quentin lf	3	1	2
Beltre 3b	4	0	4	1	Dye rf	5	1	1
Branny 1b	4	0	0	0	Konerk 1b	4	1	1
Balentin lf	4	0	0	0	Przyns c	4	2	3
RJHnsn cf	4	0	0	0	Betemst 3b	4	0	2
FTGrrz cf	4	0	2	0	BrAndr cf	2	0	0
YBtncr ss	4	0	2	0	Quens ph-ff	2	0	0
					Quens ss	2	0	0
Totals	37	3	12	3	Totals	33	6	12
Seattle	000	030	000-3					
Chicago	010	002	211-6					
E—Floyd (1), Al.Ramirez (2). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Seattle 9, Chicago 10. 2B—Jo.Lopez (3), Griffey Jr. (2), Beltre (6). Betermit (2). HR—Quentin (3), Dye (6). Pierzynski (2). SB—Beltre (4), Al.Ramirez (5). CS—Beltre (1), B.Randerson (3). Al.Ramirez (1). SF—Al.Ramirez.								

IP H R ER BB SO
Seattle 5 6 3 3 3 3
Chicago 1½ 3 2 2 0 2
Aardsma ½ 2 0 0 0 0
M.Lowe 1 1 1 1 1 2
Chicago
Floyd 6 10 3 3 2 3
Thornton W-1-1 1 1 0 0 0 2
Linebrink H-1 1 1 0 0 0 1
Jenks S-5-5 1 0 0 0 0 1
HBP—by Bedard (Quentin, Quentin).
WP—M.Lowe. T—3:10. A—18,023 (40,615).

Angels 3, Orioles 2

Los Angeles				Baltimore			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 3b	5	0	0	BRorts 2b	3	1	0
Mlzturs ss	4	1	1	AdJons cf	4	1	2
Abreu rf	4	0	1	Markks rf	3	0	1
Hunter dh	4	1	2	Huff 1b	3	0	1
KMoris 1b	4	1	2	Scott dh	4	0	0
Kndrcz 2b	4	0	0	Wgstrn 3b	4	0	0
Mthwsj cf	4	0	1	Moeller c	4	0	2
JRiver lf	3	0	1	Pie lf	3	0	0
Mathis c	4	0	2	Andino ss	0	0	0
				Mora ph	1	0	0
				Cltzurs ss	2	0	0
				Mnthz-ph lf	0	0	0
Totals	36	3	10	Total	32	2	7
Los Angeles	000	100	200-3	Baltimore	100	000	010-2
E—M.Izturis (2). LOB—Los Angeles 7. Baltimore 6. 2B—Moeller (2). 3B—K.Morales (1). Moeller (1). HR—Hunter (8), K.Morales (3). SB—C.Izturis (4). CS—Markakis (1). SF—Huff.							
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		
Los Angeles							
Loux W1-2	6	5	1	1	2	3	
JSpeir H,2	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Arredondo H,6	1	2	1	1	0	2	
Fuentes 5,5-6	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Baltimore							
Baeza L,2-2	6	7	3	3	0	5	
Uehara	1½	1	0	0	1	1	
Sherrill	1	2	0	0	0	1	
Loux pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. WP—Arredondo. T—2:56. A—14:203.							

IP H R ER BB SO
Los Angeles 6 5 1 1 2 3
Orioles 1 0 0 0 0 2
Arredondo H-6 1 2 1 1 0 2
Fuentes S-5-6 1 0 0 0 0 2
Baltimore
Uehara L-2-2 6½ 7 3 3 0 5
Baez 1½ 1 0 0 0 1 1
Sherrill 1 2 0 0 0 1
Loux pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
WP—Arredondo. T—2:56. A—14,203.

National League

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	13	8	.619
Philadelphia	11	9	.550
Atlanta	10	11	.476
New York	9	12	.429
Washington	5	15	.250
Central Division			
St. Louis	15	7	.682
Cincinnati	11	10	.524
Milwaukee	11	10	.524
Pittsburgh	11	10	.524
Chicago	10	10	.500
Houston	9	13	.409
West Division			
Los Angeles	14	8	.636
San Diego	11	10	.524
San Francisco	10	10	.500
Arizona	9	12	.429
Colorado	8	12	.400

Tuesday's games

Philadelphia 7, Washington 1
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1
Florida 7, N.Y. Mets 4
Houston 8, Cincinnati 3
Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 5
San Diego 4, Colorado 3
Chicago Cubs 11, Arizona 3
L.A. Dodgers 5, San Francisco 3

Wednesday's games

Milwaukee 1, Pittsburgh 0
Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 7, San Diego 5
Arizona 10, Chicago Cubs 0
Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 5
Cincinnati 3, Houston 0
San Francisco 9, L.A. Dodgers 4

Thursday's games

St. Louis at Washington
Cincinnati at Milwaukee
Florida at Chicago Cubs
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

Friday's games

Florida (Taylor 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 2-0)
Washington (Pelfrey 2-0) at Philadelphia (Lowe 2-1)
St. Louis (Wellemyer 1-2) at Washington (Zimmermann 2-0)
Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Duke 3-1)
Houston (Hampton 1-1) at Atlanta (Lowe 2-1)
Arizona (Garland 2-1) at Milwaukee (Parra 0-4)
San Diego (Peavy 2-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-2)
Colorado (Jimenez 1-3) at San Francisco (Johnson 1-2)

Saturday's games

Florida at Chicago Cubs
St. Louis at Washington
Houston at Atlanta
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia
Colorado at San Francisco
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

Wednesday

Diamondbacks 10, Cubs 0			
ab	r	h	bi
ASorin lf	4	0	0
Gregg p	0	0	0
Pattin p	0	0	0
Theriot ss	4	0	1
Bradley rf	3	0	0
D.Lee 1b	3	0	0
RJHnsn cf-If	3	0	0
Soto c	3	0	0
Fonst 3b	3	0	0
Miles 2b	2	0	0
Marm p	0	0	0
Strdzij p	0	0	0
Gtgrht ph-If	0	0	0
Totals	28	0	0
Diamondbacks	000	000	000-0
Arizona	301	000	511-10
DP—Arizona 1. LOB—Chicago 6, Arizona 8. 2B—Tracy (7), Upton (4), HR—Tracy (2). S—Ojeda, D.Davis.			

IP H R ER BB SO
Chicago 6 6 5 5 3 4
Marmol ½ 0 4 4 0 0
Sarmadiza ½ 1 1 1 0 0
Gregg ½ 1 0 0 0 1
Arizona
D.Davis W-2-3 7 2 0 0 3 7
T.Pena 1 0 0 0 0 2
J.Gutiérrez 1 0 0 0 0 1
HBP—by D.Davis (ReJohnson). PB—Soto. T—2:57. A—26,999 (48,652).

Rockies 7, Padres 5

San Diego				Colorado					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Gerut cf-rf	4	0	0	0	Fowler cf	4	0	0	1
LRdrgz ss	3	0	1	0	S,Smith lf	3	1	1	0
Giles rf	3	0	0	0	Spilgrs rf	4	0	1	0
ALopez p	0	0	0	0	Helton lb	3	1	2	3
Perdm p	0	0	0	0	Stewart 3b	1	1	0	0
Eckstn ph	1	1	1	0	TLwztk ss	4	1	2	0
Moreno p	0	0	0	0	Barnes 2b	4	1	0	0
AdGnzl 1b	3	2	2	3	iannett c	4	2	2	3
Headly lf	4	0	0	0	Cook p	2	0	1	0
Kzmfff 3b	4	0	0	0	Murton ph	1	0	0	0
EGnzlz 2b	4	1	1	0	Belisle p	0	0	0	0
Blanco c	4	1	1	2	Street p	0	0	0	0
Correia p	1	0	0	0					
CBurke ph	1	0	1	0					
Merdth p	0	0	0	0					
Hairstn cf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	33	5	7	5	Totals	30	7	9	7
San Diego					000	000	320	—	5
Colorado					021	004	000	—	7
E—E.Gonzalez (1). DP—San Diego 1, Colorado 1. LOB—San Diego 3, Colorado 8. 2B—C.Burke (1). HR—Ad.Gonzalez 2 (9), Blanco (3), Helton (2), iannetta (3). SB—Tulowitzki (1). CS—Stewart (1). S—Cook, SF—Fowler.									

AL roundup

Speculation isn't Greinke's game

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Anyone wishing to talk about 20 victories or Cy Young awards or anything else that might await Zack Greinke at the end of the season would be smart to do it when Greinke is out of the room.

He just won't have it. None of it. Kansas City's right-hander, 25, once walked out of spring training because of clinical depression and a social-anxiety condition, vowing to give up baseball and start a lawn-mowing service. He knows all too well how distractions and lack of focus can derail a young pitcher.

"Even having one thought toward that takes away from what you're doing," he said.

On Wednesday night, in what can accurately be described as his worst outing of the year, the right-hander mixed his pitches, changed speeds, hit his spots and held Toronto to five hits and two runs in Kansas City's 11-3 romp over the Blue Jays.

Vernon Wells' RBI single with two outs in the first scored Marco Scutaro with the first earned run off Greinke in 43 innings, a span of six starts. Scutaro also walked in the third and eventually scored on a double-play grounder, ballooning Greinke's ERA from 0.00 all the way to 0.50.

"He showed he's human," Royals manager Trey Hillman said.

After throwing complete games in his two previous starts, Greinke went seven innings, allowing two walks against eight strikeouts. The first Royals pitcher to post a 5-0 record in April, he leads the AL with 44 strikeouts.



Ed Zurga/AP

Zack Greinke gave up two earned runs in what was, by comparison, his worst outing of the season. It was good enough, however, to give Kansas City an 11-3 victory over Toronto, Greinke's fifth straight.

"All I really think about right now is just one game at a time," he said. "And once the game starts, it's one batter at a time. And then once that batter gets up there, it's

one pitch at a time. That method, I think, is the best for me to pitch good and continue to stay not having ups and downs, just having consistent, quality games."

He picked a good night not to have his best stuff, with the Royals pounding out 15 hits, 11 for extra bases. Billy Butler had two home runs, a double and a single and four RBIs. Mark Teahen had a two-run home run and Mike Aviles had a two-run triple. Brian Tallet (1-1) was charged with 10 runs on 11 hits in four innings.

"He (Greinke) was able to throw every pitch for a strike," Wells said. "He keeps you off balance. He'll blow you away with a 95 (mph) if he wants to. He was dominant, as he has been all year."

Yankees 8, Tigers 6: At Detroit, Nick Swisher hit two homers and Joba Chamberlain gave up a run in seven innings to lead New York.

The Yankees won two straight in Detroit by a combined 19-6 after losing the series opener and three in a row at Boston for a season-high four-game skid.

Chamberlain (1-0) gave up three hits and three walks.

Red Sox 6, Indians 5 (10): At Cleveland, Jonathan Van Every hit his first major league home run in the 10th inning to cap Boston's comeback. Van Every hit a 1-1 pitch from Jensen Lewis (2-3) to center with two outs after getting an RBI single during Boston's three-run rally in the eighth.

Hideki Okajima (2-0) worked the ninth and Jonathan Papelbon pitched the 10th for his sixth save.

Twins 8, Rays 3: Nick Blackburn (2-1) gave up two runs and eight hits in seven innings, and the host Twins roughed up Rays ace Scott Kazmir. Justin Morneau had three hits and an RBI as the

Twins took two of three from the defending AL champions.

Kazmir (3-2) lasted just four innings, the second rough outing in his past three starts. The All-Star lefty gave up eight runs and nine hits with four walks and four strikeouts.

White Sox 6, Mariners 3: At Chicago, slumping Carlos Quentin and Jermaine Dye hit consecutive home runs in the seventh inning for Chicago. A.J. Pierzynski also homered as the White Sox rallied from a 3-1 deficit and avoided what would have been their first losing April since 2001.

Matt Thornton (1-1) pitched a one-hit seventh in relief of Gavin Floyd. Bobby Jenks pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his fifth save.

Shawn Kelley (0-1), who had pitched 7²/₃ scoreless innings over six appearances coming in, relieved Erik Bedard with a 3-1 lead.

In a Thursday game:

Athletics 4, Rangers 2: At Arlington, Texas, Dallas Braden pitched five scoreless innings and Ryan Sweeney made a game-saving catch for Oakland.

The Rangers had two on in the eighth when Ian Kinsler hit a towering flyball to straightaway center. Sweeney retreated, leaped and stuck his glove above the eight-foot wall to make the catch.

Kinsler slammed his helmet to the ground in frustration.

Braden (3-2) allowed five hits and walked four, but managed to work his way out of trouble. He struck out six.

Before Matt Holliday homered in the ninth, Oakland got runs on two sacrifice flies and a bases-loaded walk.

NL roundup

Volquez ends Astros' win streak at Cincinnati

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Edinson Volquez ended the Houston Astros' domination at Great American Ball Park with a little of his own.

The right-hander allowed one hit over a career-high eight innings Wednesday night, helping the Reds end Houston's streak of 11 straight victories at Cincinnati with a 3-0 victory.

The impressive run finally ended against a pitcher coming off the wildest performance of his career. Volquez (3-2) walked seven in only five innings during a loss to Atlanta on Friday night, and came out determined to throw nothing but strikes.

He gave up only Miguel Tejada's first-inning double off the wall, retiring 17 straight over one stretch. Volquez walked one, hit a batter and struck out six.

"I threw all my pitches where I wanted," Volquez said. "I wanted to go deep in the game."

He got the Astros to hit the ball on the rain-softened ground; 19 of the 27 batters he faced failed to get the ball out of the infield.

"They didn't hit many balls hard, but if they did, it was on the ground right at somebody," Reds manager Dusty Baker said.

Francisco Cordero completed the one-hitter for his seventh save in as many chances.

Houston hadn't lost in Cincinnati since late in the 2007 season. The 11 straight victories were the longest such current streak in the majors and the longest in Astros history.

"We were a little bit flat," manager Cecil Cooper said. "We made some mistakes defensively that we normally don't make."

Layne Nix tripled, scored a run and drove in one with an infield single off Felipe Paulino (1-3), who had trouble with the bottom of a lineup that's second-to-last in hitting in the NL. Rookie Adam Rosales had an RBI single and a sacrifice fly.

Houston has won 16 of its past 18 games at Cincinnati and is 32-16-1 at Great American Ballpark since the stadium opened in 2003.

Nationals 4, Phillies 1: At Philadelphia, Scott Olsen (1-3) allowed one run and six hits in six innings, striking out six, and Washington's beleaguered bullpen held on to snap the Phillies' winning streak at five games.

The Nationals got a rare flawless performance from a relief corps that has blown six saves and is a combined 0-7.

Shane Victorino hit a solo homer for the Phillies. Brett Myers (1-2) gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings.

Cardinals 5, Braves 3: At Atlanta, Adam Wainwright overcame five walks and drove in a run during St. Louis' four-run fifth inning.

Wainwright (3-0) allowed seven hits and three runs with five walks in six innings. He gave up three runs in the first three

innings, but the Braves couldn't hold a 3-1 lead.

Javier Vazquez (2-2) gave up nine hits and five runs in eight innings. He struck out eight — his fourth straight start with at least eight strikeouts.

Rockies 7, Padres 5: At Denver, Aaron Cook pitched seven innings for his first victory and Todd Helton and Chris Iannetta drove in three runs apiece.

Adrian Gonzalez homered twice for San Diego, which lost for the fourth time in five games.

Cook (1-1) allowed three runs and five hits and struck out three in beating the Padres for the 12th time in 16 decisions.

The victory was his first since Aug. 29, 2008, at San Diego.

Diamondbacks 10, Cubs 0: At Phoenix, Doug Davis allowed two hits over seven innings, and Chad Tracy and Justin Upton both drove in three runs apiece. Davis (2-3) struck out seven, walked three and hit a batter.

Tracy had three hits, includ-

ing a two-run double and a solo homer. Upton drove in three runs with a double in a five-run seventh inning. The Cubs walked 10, eight in the last two innings, including three with the bases loaded.

Ryan Dempster (1-1) threw six innings, allowing five runs.

Giants 9, Dodgers 4: At San Francisco, Tim Lincecum (2-1) pitched into the eighth inning, allowing six hits and striking out eight, and Bengie Molina drove in four runs for the Giants.

Molina had a homer, a two-run triple and a run-scoring single and Edgar Renteria had four hits and two RBIs as the Giants took two of three from the Dodgers.

Lincecum retired the first 10 batters, cruising until Los Angeles put together a three-run rally in the eighth.

Eric Stults (2-1) gave up five runs and seven hits in 2-plus innings for the Dodgers.

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CROSBY



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

The Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby, top, said that the Washington Capitals' Alex Ovechkin, right, went out of his way to target the Penguins' Evgeni Malkin in a game this season.



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

Alex Ovechkin, above, and other Capitals think that Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby whines to the officials. Crosby and Ovechkin exchanged pushes and taunts in a Feb. 22 game in Washington.

OVECHKIN

One rink, three-ring circus

Penguins-Capitals series boasts big names, bad blood

BY ALAN ROBINSON
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Alex Ovechkin doesn't like Sidney Crosby. Neither does Alexander Semin, who calls Crosby an overrated product of the NHL's hype machine. Ovechkin disliked Evgeni Malkin, too, but now appears to like him again.

Oh, but there's much for the hockey world to like in this Pittsburgh Penguins-Washington Capitals matchup, beginning Saturday when the Eastern Conference semifinal series begins in Washington.

Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau compares it to the circus.

The main attraction is flashy enough — the NHL's three biggest names under one big top for up to two weeks — but the sideshows are intriguing and figure to be

entertaining. With the NHL's past two MVPs and past three scoring champions in the series, plus a noticeable edginess whenever the teams meet, there should be plenty of subplots and sound bites.

Who will be the ringmaster?

"There's more to stars meeting here, great hockey players meeting, there's great personalities, strong personalities, there's faces of the league that are clashing," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said Wednesday. "That's great for the league, great for the postseason."

Clashing is an apt description.

In only four Penguins-Capitals meetings this season (Washington won three), the agitated Ovechkin — apparently motivated by an off-ice dispute involving an agent — lined up Malkin several times for hits. Although Ovechkin and Malkin patched up their feud at the All-Star Game, apparently with the help of fellow Russian

Ilya Kovalchuk of the Atlanta Thrashers, Crosby said Ovechkin went out of his way to target Malkin.

Later in the season, Ovechkin and Crosby went at it, exchanging pushes and yapping at each other Feb. 22 in Washington.

Semin also created a stir by saying there's nothing special about Crosby and that "if you take any player, even if he's dead wood, and start promoting him, he'll be a star."

That was before Crosby, the 2006-07 MVP and the league's No. 3 scorer this season, led the Penguins' 4-3 victory in Washington on March 8 by scoring in regulation and during the shootout.

To the Capitals, Crosby is more than the face of the league, he's also the mouth of it. They accuse of him of talking too much and whining to the officials. Crosby hasn't responded with criticism in kind, but it's obvious he thinks Ovechkin, last season's

MVP and scoring champion, is a hot dog.

Malkin, who succeeded Ovechkin (2007-08) and Crosby (2006-07) by winning the scoring title this season, Ovechkin and the Detroit Red Wings' Pavel Datsyuk were announced Wednesday as the finalists for the Hart Trophy that goes to the league MVP.

No wonder Boudreau said after the Capitals eliminated the New York Rangers 2-1 in Game 7 on Tuesday: "It wasn't Ringling Brothers, anyway. Now we're playing Pittsburgh. Welcome to the circus."

There's plenty to fill all three rings of it.

Just three years ago, they were the two worst teams in the Eastern Conference: Pittsburgh was No. 15 and last, Washington was No. 14. Pittsburgh has since won the conference and reached the Stanley Cup finals, losing last season to Detroit, and Washington won its first playoff series

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